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1997 Annual Report of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

Dates to Remember

April 1, 1998	All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record this date.
April 7, 1998	Town and School Election Day.
April 15, 1998	Last day to file current use applications per RSA 79-A.
	Last day for filing exemptions for elderly, blind, handicapped and tax-exempt properties, and for special assessment of residences in industrial or commercial zone per RSA 75:11.
	Timber Tax Report of Cut due.
May 1, 1998	Dog licenses expire.
June 30, 1998	Fiscal year ends.
July 1, 1998	Fiscal year begins.
	Last day to pay first installment on 1998 property taxes without interest penalty.
December 1, 1998	Last day to pay final installment on 1998 property taxes without interest penalty.
March 1, 1999	Last day for veterans to file permanent application for tax exemption (green card). Applies only to those who have not previously applied to Merrimack per RSA 72:33.
	Last day for filing applications for elderly, blind or handicapped exemptions.
April 1, 1999	All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record this date.
April 15, 1999	Last day to file Current Use applications per RSA 79-A.
	Last day for filing applications for tax-exempt properties and for special assessment of residences in industrial or commercial zone per RSA 75:11.
	Timber Tax Report of Cut due.
May 1, 1999	Dog licenses expire.

Annual Report

of the Town Officers

of

Merrimack, New Hampshire

for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 1997

On the cover: The reconstruction of Stowell Bridge Road occurred in 1990. When bids for replacement of this structure were initially received, they came in at over $100,000; much more than the $75,000 originally budgeted for this project. Thus, other alternates were explored, including timber bridges. What was found was that for approximately $55,000 worth of materials, we not only could replace the old bridge, but in addition, could build a covered bridge, thus replacing a little piece of history and adding a bit of rural charm to the town. This project was accomplished completely in-house by members of the Merrimack Highway Department. Through their tireless efforts, we not only saved money but have a structure we can take pride in for many years to come.

Sketch of Stowell Bridge by Ronald B. Miner, Jr.

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Introduction

This report has been compiled through the efforts of your local public officials, to serve as a permanent record of the events and transactions which have taken place over this past year.

It is our hope that you find this report to be informative as well as readable. Many hours of time and energy have been put toward the preparation of this report.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the local town officials who provided the information which is contained within the covers of this report, for without their efforts, there would be no report.

Your questions and comments regarding any of the information contained in this report are welcomed. Please contact us or our staff at 424-2331.

The Merrimack Board of Selectmen

Finlay C. Rothhaus, Chairman
D.L. Chris Christensen, Vice Chairman
Norman V. Carr
Anthony J. Pellegrino
Carolyn G. Whitlock

Dedication

Arthur C. Dunn III
1950 - 1997

Arthur C. Dunn III, a twenty year resident of Merrimack, worked as a part-time police officer and dispatcher for the Merrimack Police Department for sixteen years. Friends and colleagues described Art as an easygoing professional who seemingly was never in a bad mood. His love of police work was apparent; when called, he would be there. Art passed away on August 24, 1997 and will be sadly missed.

In Appreciation

William "Chuck" Miller
Merrimack Police Department
1976 - 1997

In grateful appreciation for twenty-one years of service to the Police Department. Chuck came to the department from the Milford Police Department. He progressed through the ranks from Patrolman to Sergeant and eventually to the rank of Lieutenant. Chuck served most of his tour of duty in the Criminal Investigation Division as a Detective and then as the Commander of that unit. Chuck ended his career as the department's Prosecutor presenting cases before the Merrimack District Court. Chuck retired from the department on December 31, 1997. Upon his retirement, Chuck took a position as a member of the Town Hall Staff.

In Appreciation

Theresa S. Mitchell
Secretary - Selectmen's Office
1977 - 1997

In grateful appreciation for twenty years of service to the Town of Merrimack. During her tenure with the Town, Terri worked under four Town Managers and various Selectmen. Anyone who has dealt with the town has probably spoken to Terri. Many will remember Terri as a friendly and helpful person with a great smile. Terri retired from the Town on October 3, 1997.

In Appreciation

Sally A. Raymond
Office Manager - Community Development Department
1974 - 1997

Sally requested that she receive no public recognition. However, we felt that our grateful appreciation for her 23 years of service to the Town of Merrimack deserved to be recognized. Sally retired on October 3, 1997 and plans to travel as much as possible. We all wish her well.

Town Employee Recognition

The Town of Merrimack recognized the following employees in 1997 for their dedicated service to the Town.

10 Years Of Service:

Mark Akerson	Fire Department
Marjorie Allgaier	Solid Waste Facility
Richard Barrows	Fire Department
Mark Bechard	Fire Department
Gerard Beland	Fire Department
David Blaine	Wastewater Treatment Facility
Norman Carr, Jr.	Fire Department
Charles Chalk	Fire Department
Bruce Cornelius	Fire Department
George Couture	Community Development
Suzanne Gerow	Highway Department
Evelyn Gillis	Community Development
Thomas Kennedy	Fire Department
Carl Nelson	Fire Department
Scott Simpson	Fire Department
Kenneth Stimson	Police Department
David Trepaney	Fire Department
Lindsay Wilson	Wastewater Treatment Facility

15 Years Of Service:

Robert Levan	Finance Department
Charles Smith	Fire Department

20 Years of Service:

David Bertrand	Fire/Ambulance Department
Cecil Peters	Wastewater Treatment Facility
James Taylor	Wastewater Treatment Facility

25 Years of Service:

Becky Sullivan	Public Works Department

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So.Spring St., P.O.Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF Merrimack *N.H.*

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1,_____ to December 31, _____ or

for Fiscal Year From July 1, 1998 *to* June 30, 1999

IMPORTANT: *Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.*

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee:(Please sign in ink.) *Date* January 14, 1998

(Revised 1997)

Year 1998-99 Budget - Town of Merrimack MS-7

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA 1997-98	Actual Expenditures Prior Year 1996-97	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executivs							
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		21,304	24,637	26,765	0	26,765	0
4150-4151	Financial Administration							
4152	Rsvaluation of Property		171,547	150,395	184,679	0	204,679	0
4153	Legal Expense		93,000	106,570	93,000	0	93,000	0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		485,445	456,122	499,364	0	499,364	0
4194	General Government Buildings		197,939	197,491	206,801	0	206,801	0
4195	Cemeteries							
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government		868,775	796,467	928,159	0	928,159	0
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		2,538,365	2,421,888	2,611,618	0	2,611,618	0
4215-4219	Ambulance		303,168	264,504	308,477	0	309,717	0
4220-4229	Fire		2,044,672	1,882,619	2,094,190	0	2,094,190	0
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		9,628	6,370	7,741	0	7,741	0
4299	Othsr Public Safety (including Communications)		282,619	278,175	316,196	0	316,196	0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		1,763,952	1,561,764	1,764,926	0	1,774,926	0
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting							
4319	Other		261,779	222,610	264,400	0	264,400	0
	SANITATION							
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		408,449	385,601	437,374	0	437,374	0
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		2,286,637	2,138,331	2,368,037	0	2,368,037	0
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Admin. & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH AND WELFARE							
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		72,495	72,495	72,495	0	72,995	0
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		73,663	59,369	73,628	0	73,628	0

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA 1997-98	Actual Expenditures Prior Year 1996-97	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		512,026	581,767	567,367	0	569,867	0
4550-4559	Library		707,820	670,778	768,892	0	761,234	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		9,000	14,099	17,100	0	17,100	0
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		33,065	12,436	30,143	0	58,633	0
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation		14,039	13,565	14,742	0	14,742	0
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**							
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**		5,100	2,966	5,100	0	5,100	0
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		1,356,941	1,329,469	867,444	0	867,444	0
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		491,867	578,529	417,620	0	417,620	0
4723	Interest on TANs		5,000	0	1	0	1	0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land		0	16,340	0	0	0	0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		290,414	255,477	250,786	0	250,786	0
4903	Buildings		699,879	209,048	21,518	0	21,518	0

Year 1998-99 Budget - Town of Merrimack MS-7

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings		207,327	301,788	246,804	0	246,804	0
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		594,100	631,908	918,000	0	928,000	0
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		16,810,015	15,643,578	16,383,367	0	16,448,439	0

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount	Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount

..SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA 1997-98	Expenditures Prior Year 1996-97	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	See attached schedule		0	0	9,110,961	0	9,095,961	15,000
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended					9,110,961		9,095,961	

..INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,VI)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA 1997-98	Expenditures Prior Year 1996-97	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	See attached schedule		0	0	110,101	0	110,101	0
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended					110,101		110,101	

Year 1998-99 Budget - Town of Merrimack MS

Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue 1997-98	Actual Revenue 1996-97	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		50,000	168,861	15,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		13,000	13,354	13,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		4,000	312,149	4,000
3189	Other Taxes		79,865	83,636	79,865
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		250,450	363,051	250,450
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES,PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		2,200,000	2,518,803	2,500,000
3230	Building Permits		125,000	211,978	200,000
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		119,202	127,404	122,202
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**		93,764	115,692	68,447
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		865,963	804,117	865,963
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		355,468	337,204	355,468
3354	Water Pollution Grant		124,729	127,922	121,490
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		5,034	6,989	4,134
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		4,558,836	5,001,247	5,015,827
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		152,000	39,923	27,000
3502	Interest on Investments		603,834	649,278	654,113
3503-3509	Other		28,408	445,583	91,833
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				

Year 1998-99 Budget - Town of Merrimack MS-7

Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue 1997-98	Actual Revenue 1996-97	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		3,000	3,602	3,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	7,370,534
	Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")		598,000	0	1,225,000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		0	100,000	200,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		10,230,553	11,430,793	19,187,326

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	16,383,367	16,448,439
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 5))	9,110,961	9,095,961
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	110,101	110,101
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	25,604,429	25,654,501
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	19,187,326	19,187,326
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	6,417,103	6,467,175
Tax Overlay	535,000	535,000
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	6,952,103	7,002,175

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Town of Merrimack
FORM MS–7 FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

Page 5, Special Warrant Articles:

Acct #	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article	1997–98 Appropriations	1996–97 Actual	1998–99 Board of Selectmen Recommended	1998–99 Board of Selectmen Not Recommended	1998–99 Budget Committee Recommended	1998–99 Budget Committee Not Recommended
4721	Interest–Long Term Bonds & Notes	1	0	0	139,008	0	139,008	0
4721	Interest–Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	0	0	54,469	0	54,469	0
4903	Buildings	1	0	0	5,312,534	0	5,312,534	0
4903	Buildings	5	0	0	475,000	0	475,000	0
4903	Buildings	10	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	2	0	0	2,089,950	0	2,089,950	0
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	6	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	9	0	0	25,000	0	25,000	0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	4	0	0	800,000	0	800,000	0
	Total		0	0	9,110,961	0	9,095,961	15,000

Page 5, Individual Warrant Articles:

Acct #	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article	1997–98 Appropriations	1996–97 Actual	1998–99 Board of Selectmen Recommended	1998–99 Board of Selectmen Not Recommended	1998–99 Budget Committee Recommended	1998–99 Budget Committee Not Recommended
4210	Police	8	0	0	25,376	0	25,376	0
4220	Fire	8	0	0	18,053	0	18,053	0
4299	Communications	8	0	0	1,503	0	1,503	0
4311	Highways & Streets	7	0	0	28,739	0	28,739	0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	7	0	0	5,937	0	5,937	0
4326	Sewage Collection & Disposal	7	0	0	22,055	0	22,055	0
4319	Equipment Maintenance	7	0	0	8,438	0	8,438	0
	Total		0	0	110,101	0	110,101	0

Merrimack Town Warrant
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the first session of the annual meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held at the Mastricola Middle School All-Purpose Room on Baboosic Lake Road in said Merrimack on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV., except for Warrant Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, (IV)(a).

You are hereby notified that a public hearing on the results of the first session will be held at the Merrimack High School Little Theater on McElwain Street in said Merrimack on Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening per RSA 40:13, V.

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held at the Mastricola Middle School All-Purpose Room on Baboosic Lake Road in said Merrimack on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of town officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will not close earlier than 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.1, Residential District to declare that aircraft takeoffs and landings are not permitted accessory uses in the Residential District; this amendment will also provide new definitions in Section 1.03 for the terms airport, heliport, aircraft and, further amend Section 2.02, Permitted Uses - All Districts by providing a new Section 2.02, A-7, to clarify that use of aircraft for emergency response, construction, news media and similar purposes is permitted in all zoning districts?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02 - Permitted Uses - All Districts, to include a new subsection 2.02, A-7, to provide that the use of aircraft, including aircraft takeoffs and landings, for emergency response, medical necessity, public safety, media coverage, building construction, equipment installation or political campaigning is permitted in all zoning districts?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 4. Are you in favor of the Adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4-B, Industrial C Zone, to permit athletic fields and indoor or outdoor skating facilities as permitted uses in the Industrial C Zone?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 3.02.4, Location of On-site Disposal Fields, to permit replacement of existing systems that have failed and do not meet the existing 20' setback requirement provided the septic system is not enlarged and is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services?

---------- Yes ---------- No

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 2 - Establishment of Districts, the official zoning map, and all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance by relabeling each Zoning District using a symbol that is congruent with the name of that District?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map to expand the northern portion of the existing General Commercial District to include certain parcels between Daniel Webster Highway and the F.E. Everett Turnpike, located generally north of the intersection of Hilton Drive and the Daniel Webster Highway and south of the Maple Ridge Condominiums, including Tax Map Parcels 7E/20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and to reduce the area of Planned Residential District to exclude Tax Map Parcels 7E/21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 and 6E-2/8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map to expand the northern portion of the existing Limited Commercial District to include certain parcels between Daniel Webster Highway and the F.E. Everett Turnpike, located generally north of Chapel Lane and south of Priscilla Lane, including Tax Map Parcels 6E-2/7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; 6D-2/1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 6D-1/39, 38, 37, 36, 34, 34-1, 32, 31, 26-3, 26-2, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20-1, 20, 19 and 18 and a portion of Tax Map Parcels 6D-1/14 and 15?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 2.02.11, Aquifer Conservation District, to include newly mapped wellhead protection areas, updated mapping for other aquifer areas, and to provide for Planning Board regulation of certain development proposals, including review by the Merrimack Village District?

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map to remove Tax Map Parcels 2B/357 and 2B/358 from the Residential District and include them in the Limited Commercial District. These properties are located near the terminus of Naticook Road with Continental Boulevard? (By Petition) (Disapproved by the Planning Board)

_____ Yes _____ No

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,750,000 for the construction and equipping of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by the withdrawal from the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund created for said purpose, by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $3,750,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $129,500 for the purpose of 1997-98 bond issuance costs and interest and on said bonds or serial notes. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

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state, and private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,140 for the purpose of 1997-98 interest on said bonds or serial notes. (2/3 ballot vote required) (By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $606,000 for the purpose of improvements to the Central Fire Station; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $606,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,180 for the purpose of 1997-98 interest on said bonds or serial notes. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $16,317,166? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $16,005,918, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

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Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 320 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and that will amount to approximately $72,163 in 1997-98, $108,417 in 1998-99, and $140,182 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $72,163 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2986 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and that will amount to approximately $56,059 in 1997-98, $98,437 in 1998-99, and $156,973 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $56,059 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,424 to provide longevity bonuses for full-time employees of the Town who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of vote tabulating equipment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000 for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Columbia Circle and Daniel Webster Highway. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI that will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of the related project and June 30, 1999. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,000 to purchase two parcels of land owned by Moores Falls Corporation known as Map and Parcel 6E/006 consisting of 7.90 acres off D.W.

Highway and Map and Parcel 6E/008 consisting of .80 acres off D.W. Highway. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Drainage Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of planning, designing and constructing drainage projects, including related easement acquisition; to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in said fund, said sum to be in addition to any federal, state, or private grants made available therefor and in addition to any other revenue related thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to permit said grants and related revenues to be deposited in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to limit the amount of land use change tax that may be deposited in the Conservation Fund in accordance with the 1996 Warrant Article 20 to $10,000 during any fiscal year; provided, however, that the cumulative amount held in said Conservation Fund from the land use change tax shall not at any time exceed $50,000.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept, on behalf of the Merrimack Public Library, gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose. Said authority to remain in effect indefinitely, or until rescinded at a subsequent Town Meeting.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unencumbered funds remaining on hand in the Library budget at the end of fiscal year 1996-97 to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund. (By Petition)

Article 28. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $100,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $20,400; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Article 29. Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled?

The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be $30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,000; if married, a combined net income of not more than $18,000; and own net assets not in excess of $15,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (By Petition)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to retain and hold for public purposes, the land located off of Wright Avenue, adjacent to the Merrimack River, (Tax Map Parcel 5D-1/5) consisting of approximately 12 acres, with building thereon, commonly known as the "Woodcomp Property." (By Petition)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sewer Use Ordinance Section 158-5 (D) to include the following new paragraph:

Upon written request from the owner to defer connection to the public sewer, the Town, through the Board of Selectmen, may defer the requirement to connect to the public sewer provided the owner has had an inspection performed by a New Hampshire licensed subsurface disposal designer demonstrating the system is properly functioning which has been reviewed and approved by the Health Officer and Director of Public Works, that the system has received approval by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and that the system was installed after 1985.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows:

To amend Section 1. concerning Legislative Intent by adding the Island known as "Blueberry Island" located between Veteran's Memorial Park and Wasserman Park as a parks and recreation area covered by the ordinance.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows:

To amend Section 7. concerning alcoholic beverages by adding a new subsection 7.1 to read as follows:

Exceptions. The sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in parks and recreational areas covered by this ordinance as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, subject to the provisions of State Law and the regulations of the State Liquor Commission and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Temporary Sales Locations and Vendors within the Town that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 11, 1995, as follows:

To Amend Section 3 concerning Application for License; Information Required, by adding a new subsection 3.1 to read as follows:

3.1 RENEWAL OF APPLICATIONS; INFORMATION REQUIRED
Any license holder may renew the license required by this Chapter by paying the fee in accordance with Section 4 and by completing an application in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance. Applicants for renewal of existing licenses shall not be required to have an additional certificate of inspection by the Health Officer, nor a certificate of safety inspection by the Police Department for all motor vehicle vendors, nor

written consent of the property owner if the business activity is to be conducted on private property, provided that these documents have been previously filed with the Town Clerk as part of the original application, and that there are no changes of circumstances nor conditions which affect the validity or integrity of said inspection or documents.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance:

Purpose: The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire from abuse by and loss of charitable financial donations to panhandling and canning by persons, organizations, corporations or other entities who have not received a permit from the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire. This authority is granted pursuant to RSA 31:91.

Section I. Permit Required:
It shall be unlawful to solicit financial aid or assistance from the public by panhandling or canning for charitable or for other purposes by any person, firm, business, group, corporation, partnership or other entity, unless a permit for such activity is obtained from the Board of Selectmen. A copy of such permit is required to be visibly displayed during all solicitation activities, at all activity locations, by all those engaging in the activities. Each participant shall be included on the permit and a copy will be filed with the Chief of Police prior to commencing solicitation activities.

Section II. Application
Applications for permits under this section shall be made to the Town Clerk upon a form to be determined by the Town Clerk, which shall include the name and address of the requesting individual or organization, the name and address of all participants, an indication that the organization is duly registered as non-profit or as charitable, or not, and written consent of property owners if the activities are to be conducted on private property.

Section III. Application Fee
Each application for a permit under this ordinance shall be submitted with a fee of $5.00. The application fee may be waived upon request by registered non-profit and registered charitable organizations.

Section IV. Designation of Town Clerk
The Board of Selectmen may designate its authority to issue permits under this ordinance to the Town Clerk.

Section V. Penalty for Violation
Any person, firm, business, corporation or other entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed $500 for each offense. All funds collected in violation of this ordinance shall be forfeit to the use of the Town of Merrimack.

Section VI. Effective Date
This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1997. (By Petition)

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Emergency Alarms that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 16 1996, as follows: Amend Section I Definitions as follows:

K. Local Alarm: The term "Local Alarm" shall mean any alarm system not connected to the Emergency Alarm Monitoring Facility or to a central

alarm station or answering service, which, when activated, operates an inside audible and/or visible signaling device at the premises within which the Emergency Alarm System is installed.

Amend Section III, Paragraph 2 - Permit/Contract Fees as follows:

Anyone applying for an Emergency Alarm System permit must complete the application form and return it to the Chief of Police and/or Chief of the Fire Department, with a one-time permit fee of $10.00. A separate Emergency Alarm Permit shall be required for each individual Emergency Alarm System in any single location.

Amend Section IV, Maintaining An Emergency Alarm System Without A Permit, Paragraph 3 as follows:

Operating an Emergency Alarm System without a permit.
Penalty:
Any person or alarm user who maintains or operates an Emergency Alarm System without a permit and causes a false alarm as defined herein, shall be issued a warning and given thirty (30) days to acquire a permit. Failure to acquire a permit after thirty)30) days, or six (6) false alarms, whichever occurs first, will result in the alarm user being guilty of a violation and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00).

Remove Section VII as it refers to annual renewals.

Remove Section IX, paragraphs 2 and 3 as it refers to permit fee and revocation.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Camp Sargent Road that is no longer used by the public since the reconstruction of the intersection of Tinker Road and Camp Sargent Road, said portion to be discontinued is more particularly described as a parcel of land abutting Map & Parcel 2B/309.

Article 38. Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Merrimack under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions? (By Petition) (3/5 ballot vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

The Merrimack Board of Selectmen

Robert R. Morrill, Chairman

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A true copy of Warrant, attest:

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Annual Town Meeting
Deliberative Session
March 12, 1997

The deliberative session of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. in the Smith Gym of the Mastricola Middle School on Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack, New Hampshire, with Town Moderator Lynn Christensen presiding. Moderator Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance. State Fire Chaplain Charles Chalk gave the invocation. Moderator Christensen noted that the voters present this evening would vote on any amendments only, not on the final articles. She noted that if the session did not finish this evening it would reconvene tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the same place.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,750,000 for the construction and equipping of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by the withdrawal from the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund created for said purpose, by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $3,750,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $129,500 for the purpose of 1997-98 bond issuance costs and interest and on said bonds or serial notes.

A motion was made by Selectman Whitlock and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to accept Article 11 as written. Selectman Whitlock noted that the library enhances and enriches the quality of life in Merrimack. She further noted that it has been 20 years since there has been an expansion of the Merrimack library.

M. Milligan, Library Trustee, noted that the size of the library has been trimmed to 27,000 square feet from the 32,000 square feet that was proposed last year. The building has been designed to go upward and outward. He noted that a second library in South Merrimack was considered, but rejected. He noted that next year will be the highest burden on the tax rate with a cost of about $40 for a $100,000 assessed value home.

J. Astill, 23 Mitchell Street, president of the Friends of the Library, noted that there is a commitment to building a new library by the residents in town.

J. Balcom, 85 Pondview Drive, noted that there is a chance at present to make the old library a money maker. He urged support of the article.

D. King, Derry Street, noted that a new library will increase property values and questioned the use of the old library.

E. Dube, Library Trustee, noted the there is a possibility that the old library can be used for the District Courthouse or by the School District. She noted that the trustees will try to find a use for the current library that will benefit the town.

P. Collette, Sunset Drive, noted that he is not convinced that the building is a advertised. He noted that he has never found a problem finding a place to work in the library. He noted that the present library works well and he is not sure that the town can afford a new library today.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $613,000 for reconstructing Seaverns Bridge Road from Boston Post Road to the Amherst Town Line; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by a transfer of the unreserved fund balance in the grants made available in conjunction with said purpose, bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $613,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,140 for the purpose of 1997-98 interest on said bonds or serial notes.

A motion was made by B. Wilkes and seconded by S. Heinrich to approve Article 12 as written. B. Wilkes noted there is no drainage on most of Seaverns Bridge Road. He noted that there is a liability to the town if there is a serious accident on the road and the town is found liable for the accident due to the road conditions. He noted that it is time to fix Seaverns Bridge Road.

S. Heinrich, 15 Seaverns Bridge Road, noted that this is the worst road in Merrimack. He noted that the road is falling apart. This is one of the last roads in town that needs a complete overhaul.

Several other residents of town declared that this road is in bad shape; that it is a disaster waiting to happen; and that it is a hazard. It was noted that this road is particularly dangerous in the evening hours.

The Board of Selectmen were introduced at this time by the Chairman of the Board, R. Morrill: Selectman C. Whitlock. Selectman R. L'Heureux, Selectman F. Rothhaus, Selectman C. Christensen. Also introduced were Town Manager D. Shankle, Finance Administrator R. Levan, and town attorneys L. Kelly and R. Bossie. D. Shankle introduced the department heads; B. Spence, Executive Assistant; C. McGuire, Executive Secretary; D. D'Antoni, Assessor; J. Minkarah, Community Development Director; C. Hall, Fire Chief; H. Young, Deputy Fire Chief; E. Levy, Library Director; M. Housman, Parks & Recreation Director; C. Chesley, DPW Director; D. Lent, Highway Department; L. Spencer, Waste Water Treatment Plant; J. Devine, Police Chief; D. Pollack, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; L. Hall, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector; P. Murphy, Welfare Director; J. Comer, Code Enforcement; B. Moreau, Highway Superintendent; and C. Chalk, Fire Marshall. The Budget Committee was introduced by Chairman T. Mahon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $606,000 for the purpose of improvements to the Central Fire Station; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $606,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,180 for the purpose of 1997-98 interest on said bonds or serial notes.

A motion was made by Selectman Christensen and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to approve the motion as printed. Selectman Christensen noted that this article would be beneficial to the homeowners of the town. He noted that the present building has health and safety issues for the firefighters. Fire Chief C. Hall noted that the first formal fire department was created in the town in 1924. The lower section of the current Central Fire Station was built in 1959. The present building was completed in 1974. He noted that the equipment that is currently stored outside should be stored inside. He noted that the addition would, among other things, give the Fire Department more storage space; create a fire escape that meets building codes; and add a decontamination space. He noted that the current location and area is adequate for the renovations desired.

An amendment was made by Selectman Rothhaus and seconded by Selectman Morrill as follows: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF *$598,000* FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE

CENTRAL FIRE STATION *AND TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS AMOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE FOR SAID PURPOSE? THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE, REFLECTING A NON-LAPSING APPROPRIATION PER RSA 32:3, VI THAT WILL NOT LAPSE UNTIL THE EARLIER OF THE COMPLETION OF THE RELATED PROJECT AND JUNE 30, 1999.* Selectman Rothhaus noted that the town carries a surplus. This surplus needs to be approximately $1M. At present it is $1.625M as of the end of the last fiscal year. The surplus at the current fiscal year is calculated to be $2.3M. He noted that this surplus could be used to build the fire station addition. This use of the surplus money will help to level out the tax rate. Budget Committee Chairman T. Mahon noted that this amended article now only needs a simple majority to pass. Selectman Rothhaus noted that this amendment will eliminate the interest costs for the bonds. There was some discussion regarding the difference between returning the surplus money to the voters on the tax rate and the cost of the bond. Finance Administrator noted that the surplus of $1.3M would be about $1.17 on the tax rate. Selectman Rothhaus noted that the bond will add $.13 to the tax rate in the maximum year. Finance Administrator R. Levan clarified that the bond for $600,000 would increase the tax rate by about $.54. He noted that the savings to the town by paying from the additions from the surplus money as compared to the bond would be about $85,000. Fire Chief Hall noted that he is in favor of the amendment. P. Heinrich, 15 Seaverns Bridge Road, questioned why the original article was for $606,000 and the amendment is for only $598,000. R. Levan noted that the difference of $8,000 is for the bond issuance expenses.

The amendment passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $16,317,166? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $16,005,918, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

A motion was made by Budget Committee Chairman T. Mahon and seconded by S. Heinrich to approve Article 14 printed. T. Mahon noted that this is the operating budget for the fiscal year 19097-98. The Budget Committee added money for protective equipment for the Fire and Police Departments. The Budget Committee eliminated longevity bonuses, vote tabulating machines, and the traffic light at Columbia Circle.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement

between the Town of Merrimack and the Professional Public Safety Officers of Merrimack/AFSCME Council 93 Local and that will amount to approximately $35,604 in 1997-98, $61,725 in 1998-99, and $90,340 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,604 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Rothhaus to approve Article 15 as printed. Selectman Morrill noted that Articles 15 through 19 are the result of good faith bargaining. He noted that these articles were recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

T. Mahon, 31 Naticook Road, noted that the cost amounts for the lives of the contracts are expressed. He noted that if the articles are approved the voters are committing the town to pay these amounts.

P. Daniels, 172 Turkey Hill Road, noted that copies of all of the negotiated contracts are available at the Public Library.

Fire Chief C. Hall noted his approval of this article. He noted that it has taken three years to negotiate the contract with the firefighters.

E. Lyons, 12 Shore Drive, noted that this is a three year contract with reasonable raises.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2232 of the International Union, UAW and that will amount to approximately $34,332 in 1997-98, $52,509 in 1998-99, and $71,330 in 1999-2000, said increase representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $34,332 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Whitlock to approve the article as written. Selectman Morrill noted that this contract is also the result of good faith collective bargaining.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904 and that will amount to approximately $108,934 in 1997- 98, $141,625 in 1998-99, and $181,422 in 1999-2000, said increases representing

the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $108,934 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to approve the article as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 320 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and that will amount to approximately $72,163 in 1997-98, $108,417 in 1998-99, and $140,182 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $72,163 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2986 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and that will amount to approximately $56,059 in 1997-98, $98,437 in 1998-99, and $156,973 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $56,059 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as written. D. Shankle noted that the increases for the three years are for the first year, a 3% Cost of Living adjustment plus uniform allowances for a total of 4.11%; for the second year, essentially the same at 4.22%; and for the third year, 5.43%. He noted that this contract is basically the same as the other negotiated contracts. He noted that the contracts for the UAW and the IAFF were a bit higher to make up for raises that they would have received if there had been a contract in place.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,424 to provide longevity bonuses for full-time employees of the Town who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit.

A motion was made by Selectman Christensen and seconded by Selectman Morrill to approve the article as printed. Selectman Christensen noted that the union contract include a longevity pay consideration. The non-union employees do not have such a consideration. He noted that this is inconsistent. This article would affect 17 people. Budget Committee Chairman T. Mahon noted that this article was not recommended by the Budget Committee. The Committee had expressed the feeling that they would prefer that the town employees be paid for their performance rather than their time in service. The Committee felt that the pay plan is not in the best interests of the community. T. Mahon noted that Articles 20, 21, and 22, if passed as printed, would add $.20 to the tax rate.

An amendment was made by T. Mahon and seconded by D. Andersen to revise the amount of Article 20 to $0.

P. Daniels, 172 Turkey Hill Road, noted that there are 72 non-union employees in the town and she supports the amendment.

L. Woods, 2 Arbor Road, noted that there is something amiss in the town's pay and that fairness is the reason for supporting the original article.

D. Andersen, 7 Valley View Drive, noted that longevity bonuses are archaic, and that employees should be paid what they are worth.

S. Heinrich, 15 Seaverns Bridge Road, noted that he is not in favor of the amendment. He noted that if the article is amended the voters will not be able to decide the issue.

B. Dulong, 39 Davis Road, noted that most of the 72 non-union employees are part-time employees for Parks & Recreation. This article would cover department heads for the most part. She expressed support for the original article.

C. Ager, 9 Newton Street, noted that it would be best to let the voters decide on April 8, 1997.

J. Flis, 6 Jennifer Drive, questioned whether if this amendment passes the recommendations on this article would be eliminated or re-evaluated by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Christensen noted that the Board of Selectmen would meeting to address this. T. Mahon noted that it is not his intent to reconvene the Budget Committee.

T. Kenick, 1 Danforth Road, questioned whether these longevity bonuses would be in addition to the 3% increase for non-union employees. It was noted that these are additional. T. Mahon noted that if this article fails it does not preclude

the Board of Selectmen from finding the money elsewhere in the budget to pay for these bonuses, if so desired.

The amendment failed.

T. Kenick questioned whether raises are given every year to non-union employees. R. Levan noted that there are some years when non-union employees have gone without raises.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of vote tabulating equipment.

A motion was made by Selectman L'Heureux and seconded by Selectman Morrill to approve the article as written. Selectman L'Heureux noted that the Board of Selectmen, R. Levan, and D. Shankle have done everything possible to hold down the tax rate. He noted that if all of the Warrant Articles pass there will be a reduction in the tax rate. He noted that the voting machines in Merrimack are obsolete. State law requires that the town have 1 voting booth for every 125 registered voters. He noted that 127 booths are needed to comply with this law. These booths cost about $150 each. The town needs a minimum of six voting machines and boxes to put under them. Budget Committee Chairman T. Mahon noted that these voting machines are not accurate and that it would be more cost effective to hire ballot counters. He noted that if ballots are not properly filled out the machine will not count the votes. Moderator Christensen clarified that Selectman L'Heureux was referring to the town's portion of the tax rate when he mentioned that the tax rate would be reduced.

J. Flis, 6 Jennifer Drive, questioned how many machines would be purchased for the $75,000 and the lifetime of these machines. R. L'Heureux noted that 6 machines and 7 boxes would be purchased. J. Flis asked is a calculation has been done of machine costs vs. personnel costs. T. Mahon noted that these numbers are unknown. Selectman Morrill noted that 40 teams of ballot counters would be needed to do the amount of work done by the voting machines. E. Lyons noted that the number of items on the ballot is doubling or tripling. She noted that there is a margin of error in any method of balloting. T. Mahon noted that it would cost more with people counting the ballots that with machines, according to the quick calculations he ran.

A. Stockhouse noted that $75,000 for this equipment is outrageous. And noted that there must be a better way of doing things.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000 for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Columbia Circle and Daniel Webster Highway. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per

RSA 32:3, VI that will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of the related project and June 30, 1999.

A motion was made by Selectman L'Heureux and seconded by Selectman Whitlock to approve the article as printed. Selectman L'Heureux noted that this is a very dangerous intersection. He noted that this traffic light would also help to increase the traffic on Wright Avenue. Police Chief J. Devine noted that there were three accidents at this intersection in 1966 and there have been two so far this year. There are 49 total businesses on Columbia Circle. Chief Devine urged support of this article.

T. Kenick questioned whether a traffic study has been done at this intersection. It was noted that part of the money in this article would be used to do such a traffic study.

Upon questioning, Selectman L'Heureux noted that the lights would be programmable to be in sync with the lights at Shaw's. The lights would also have the Opticom System for emergency vehicles. Selectman L'Heureux noted that the businesses in the area asked for this traffic light at a Business Roundtable held with the Board of Selectmen.

P. Gagnon, 130 Bedford Road, noted that traffic lights stop and congest traffic. He noted that a design phase for Route 3 is underway. He supports the position of the Budget Committee.

An amendment was made by D. King and seconded by T. Mahon to amend the amount of the article to $0. T. Mahon noted that this traffic light is treating the symptoms of the problem. He noted that Route 3 is overused because of the tolls and the Bedford Road interchange. He questioned whether these lights would be in sync, since the Budget Committee was told that these would be demand lights. He noted that it costs more money to put lights in sync. Selectman L'Heureux noted that a comprehensive study would determine how the lights would work. T. Mahon questioned whether other alternatives were studied before this light was proposed. Selectman L'Heureux noted that no other alternatives were given. T. Mahon questioned whether a turning lane was considered. Selectman L'Heureux noted that this was not considered at present. T. Mahon noted that a problem exists at this intersection about 5 hours per day. He noted that there is traffic on other roads that is as bad as at this intersection. He noted that this traffic light is a short term fix for a long terms problem. He also noted that the reconstruction of Route 3 was removed from the budget.

J. Balcom noted that the money for this traffic light was removed by the Budget Committee twice during their deliberations. He noted that he strongly agrees that a turn lane is needed on the North bound side of the road. He noted that there are hardly every more than three cars waiting at this intersection.

Selectman Whitlock noted that the Board of Selectmen is making an effort to attract a variety of businesses to town. She noted that tractor trailers have difficulty turning onto Columbia Circle.

The amendment passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,000 to purchase two parcels of land owned by Moores Falls Corporation known as Map and Parcel 6E/006 consisting of 7.90 acres off D.W. Highway and Map and Parcel 6E/008 consisting of .80 acres off D.W. Highway.

A motion was made by Selectmen L'Heureux and seconded by Selectman Whitlock to approve the article as written. Selectman L'Heureux read a letter to D. Shankle from M. Bergeron of the Moores Falls Company, the current owner of the property in question. Selectman L'Heureux urged support of this article. Upon questioning, Selectman L'Heureux noted that a study would be done to determine the use of this property when it is town property.

An amendment was made and duly seconded to change the wording so that the land would be turned over to the Conservation Commission when it is purchased. C. Simes noted that it is premature to assign the land to the Conservation Commission before it is purchased. He urged a no vote on this amendment to give the town breathing space to complete the study on town owned land. S. Birchall, Peaslee Road, questioned other possible uses for this land. Selectman L'Heureux noted that nothing can be built on this property. It might be used for conservation land or passive recreation land. S. Birchell noted that this amendment will not change the use of the land. Selectman L'Heureux noted that it might be necessary to sell the property. He noted that the town is trying to correct an error and to keep the land for the future.

The amendment failed on a hand vote.

P. Daniels, 172 Turkey Hill Road, noted her support for the purchase of property on the river.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Drainage Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of planning, designing and constructing drainage projects, including related easement acquisition; to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in said fund, said sum to be in addition to any federal, state, or private grants made available therefor and in addition to any other revenue related thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to permit said grants and related revenues to be

deposited in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; or to act on anything relative thereto.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as printed. Selectman Morrill noted that drainage becomes a bigger issue with the growth of the town and that this is a small start.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to limit the amount of land use change tax that may be deposited in the Conservation Fund in accordance with the 1996 Warrant Article 20 to $10,000 during any fiscal year; provided, however, that the cumulative amount held in said Conservation Fund from the land use change tax shall not at any time exceed $50,000.

A motion was made by Selectman Rothhaus and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as printed. Selectman Rothhaus noted that he has a concern that in a ten year period this fund could be about $400,000. He noted that this money could be better used elsewhere and is asking for the voters to put a cap on the fund.

An amendment was made by A. Swenson and duly seconded to revise the motion as follows: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF LAND USE CHANGE TAX THAT MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE CONSERVATION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1996 WARRANT ARTICLE 20 TO *$50,000* DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR? A. Swensen noted that the purpose of the accumulation of money is to purchase land for Conservation land. He noted that this purpose is deserving of sufficient funds. He noted that the lands to be acquired are wetlands and land adjacent to wetlands.

D. King expressed support for the amendment.

T. Parmenter, Valley View Drive, noted that that $10,000 per year with a $50,000 cap is quite limiting. He expressed support for the amendment.

D. Golub noted that approval of the Board of Selectmen is needed for any expenditure from this fund. She noted support for the amendment.

The amendment passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept, on behalf of the Merrimack Public Library, gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose. Said authority to remain in effect indefinitely, or until rescinded at a subsequent Town Meeting.

A motion was made by P. Heinrich and seconded by Selectman Whitlock to approve the article as printed. P. Heinrich noted that a law has been passed allowing the Library Trustees to accept personal property as a gift to the library. Town approval is needed to implement this change.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unencumbered funds remaining on hand in the Library budget at the end of fiscal year 1996-97 to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by R. Kelley and seconded by Selectman Whitlock to approve the article as printed. R. Kelly noted that this article would keep the library funds and put them into the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 28. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:
For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $100,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $20,400; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

A motion was made by Selectman Rothhaus and seconded by Selectman Morrill to approve the article as printed. Selectman Rothhaus noted that this article would allow the town of Merrimack to change amounts of income in the elderly exemptions from property taxes. He noted that the article is written as is required by state statute.

ARTICLE 29. Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled?
The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be $30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,000; if married, a combined net income of not more than $18,000; and own net assets not in excess of $15,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the article as printed. It was noted that this is the last of the state recommended tax exemptions from property taxes.

deposited in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; or to act on anything relative thereto.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as printed. Selectman Morrill noted that drainage becomes a bigger issue with the growth of the town and that this is a small start.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to limit the amount of land use change tax that may be deposited in the Conservation Fund in accordance with the 1996 Warrant Article 20 to $10,000 during any fiscal year; provided, however, that the cumulative amount held in said Conservation Fund from the land use change tax shall not at any time exceed $50,000.

A motion was made by Selectman Rothhaus and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as printed. Selectman Rothhaus noted that he has a concern that in a ten year period this fund could be about $400,000. He noted that this money could be better used elsewhere and is asking for the voters to put a cap on the fund.

An amendment was made by A. Swenson and duly seconded to revise the motion as follows: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF LAND USE CHANGE TAX THAT MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE CONSERVATION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1996 WARRANT ARTICLE 20 TO *$50,000* DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR? A. Swensen noted that the purpose of the accumulation of money is to purchase land for Conservation land. He noted that this purpose is deserving of sufficient funds. He noted that the lands to be acquired are wetlands and land adjacent to wetlands.

D. King expressed support for the amendment.

T. Parmenter, Valley View Drive, noted that that $10,000 per year with a $50,000 cap is quite limiting. He expressed support for the amendment.

D. Golub noted that approval of the Board of Selectmen is needed for any expenditure from this fund. She noted support for the amendment.

The amendment passed on a hand vote.

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would allow the Board of Selectmen to waive the connection to the public sewer system.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows:
To amend Section 1. concerning Legislative Intent by adding the Island known as "Blueberry Island" located between Veteran's Memorial Park and Wasserman Park as a parks and recreation area covered by the ordinance.

A motion was made by Selectman L'Heureux and seconded by Selectman Christensen to approve the article as printed. Selectman L'Heureux noted that Blueberry Island is the island in Naticook Lake.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows:
To amend Section 7. concerning alcoholic beverages by adding a new subsection 7.1 to read as follows:
Exceptions. The sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in parks and recreational areas covered by this ordinance as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, subject to the provisions of State Law and the regulations of the State Liquor Commission and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe.

A motion was made by Selectman Christensen and seconded by Selectman Rothhaus to approve the article as printed. Selectman Christensen noted that this article would allow the Board of Selectmen on a case by case basis to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in town parks.

J. Devine, Davis Road, noted that most of the town parks are used by children.

S. Heinrich noted that he is opposed to the article.

An amendment was made by S. Heinrich and duly seconded to change the article as follows: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 1990, AS FOLLOWS; TO AMEND SECTION 7 CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 7.1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: EXCEPTIONS. *THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.*?

C. Morrison, 42 Maidstone Drive, noted that if a party cannot have alcohol at a town park then it should be held elsewhere.

P. Heinrich, 15 Seaverns Bridge Road, noted that this discussion was also held at the time of purchase of Wasserman Park.

D. Johnson, Courtland Drive, noted that this issue should be left up to the voters and that this amendment should be defeated.

B. Moreau noted his opposition to the amendment.

Selectman Whitlock noted that if this article is passed it will sent a loud message to the young people of the community that alcohol is needed to have a good time. She urged adoption of the amendment.

D. King noted that the town may be liable in the case of a drowning while alcohol is being consumed. He expressed support of the amendment.

The amendment passed on a hand vote of 75-61.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Temporary Sales Locations and Vendors within the Town that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 11, 1995, as follows:
To Amend Section 3 concerning Application for License; Information Required, by adding a new subsection 3.1 to read as follows:

3.1 <u>RENEWAL OF APPLICATIONS; INFORMATION REQUIRED</u>
Any license holder may renew the license required by this Chapter by paying the fee in accordance with Section 4 and by completing an application in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance. Applicants for renewal of existing licenses shall not be required to have an additional certificate of inspection by the Health Officer, nor a certificate of safety inspection by the Police Department for all motor vehicle vendors, nor written consent of the property owner if the business activity is to be conducted on private property, provided that these documents have been previously filed with the Town Clerk as part of the original application, and that there are no changes of circumstances nor conditions which affect the validity or integrity of said inspection or documents.

A motion was made by Selectman Rothhaus and duly seconded to approve the article as printed. Selectman Rothhaus noted that this revision of the ordinance would clean up the ordinance.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance:
<u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire from abuse by and loss of charitable financial donations to panhandling and canning by persons, organizations, corporations

or other entities who have not received a permit from the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire. This authority is granted pursuant to RSA 31:91.

Section I. Permit Required:

It shall be unlawful to solicit financial aid or assistance from the public by panhandling or canning for charitable or for other purposes by any person, firm, business, group, corporation, partnership or other entity, unless a permit for such activity is obtained from the Board of Selectmen. A copy of such permit is required to be visibly displayed during all solicitation activities, at all activity locations, by all those engaging in the activities. Each participant shall be included on the permit and a copy will be filed with the Chief of Police prior to commencing solicitation activities.

Section II. Application

Applications for permits under this section shall be made to the Town Clerk upon a form to be determined by the Town Clerk, which shall include the name and address of the requesting individual or organization, the name and address of all participants, an indication that the organization is duly registered as non-profit or as charitable, or not, and written consent of property owners if the activities are to be conducted on private property.

Section III. Application Fee

Each application for a permit under this ordinance shall be submitted with a fee of $5.00. The application fee may be waived upon request by registered non-profit and registered charitable organizations.

Section IV. Designation of Town Clerk

The Board of Selectmen may designate its authority to issue permits under this ordinance to the Town Clerk.

Section V. Penalty for Violation

Any person, firm, business, corporation or other entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed $500 for each offense. All funds collected in violation of this ordinance shall be forfeit to the use of the Town of Merrimack.

Section VI. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1997.

A motion was made by R. Adamowicz and duly seconded to approve the article as written. R. Adamowicz, 18 Highland Green, noted that this ordinance would be protection for citizens and charitable companies. This ordinance is for panhandling and canning only. S. Heinrich noted that anyone who sells items would be considered panhandling. He wondered how much this ordinance would hamper legitimate fund raising efforts. He noted that there is no money in the budget for supplies or staff time. R. Adamowicz noted that this ordinance covers the solicitation of money only. D. Shankle questioned whether this ordinance would cover national organizations also. R. Adamowicz noted that this ordinance would apply to national organizations also, but he noted that these organizations would be registered with the state. D. Shankle noted his opposition to this ordinance. R. Adamowicz noted that the intention of the

ordinance is to protect the citizens from people claiming to be from non-profit or charitable organizations who are not from such organizations.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Emergency Alarms that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 16 1996, as follows: Amend Section I Definitions as follows:
K. Local Alarm: The term "Local Alarm" shall mean any alarm system not connected to the Emergency Alarm Monitoring Facility or to a central alarm station or answering service, which, when activated, operates an inside audible and/or visible signaling device at the premises within which the Emergency Alarm System is installed. Amend Section III, Paragraph 2 - Permit/Contract Fees as follows:
Anyone applying for an Emergency Alarm System permit must complete the application form and return it to the Chief of Police and/or Chief of the Fire Department, with a one-time permit fee of $10.00. A separate Emergency Alarm Permit shall be required for each individual Emergency Alarm System in any single location.
Amend Section IV, Maintaining An Emergency Alarm System Without A Permit, Paragraph 3 as follows:
Operating an Emergency Alarm System without a permit.
Penalty:
Any person or alarm user who maintains or operates an Emergency Alarm System without a permit and causes a false alarm as defined herein, shall be issued a warning and given thirty (30) days to acquire a permit. Failure to acquire a permit after thirty (30) days, or six (6) false alarms, whichever occurs first, will result in the alarm user being guilty of a violation and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00).
Remove Section VII as it refers to annual renewals.
Remove Section IX, paragraphs 2 and 3 as it refers to permit fee and revocation.

A motion was made by M. MacIntyre and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to approve the article as printed. M. MacIntyre noted that this would be an amendment to an ordinance passed last year. This amendment would correct some problems encountered in the current ordinance.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Camp Sargent Road that is no longer used by the public since the reconstruction of the intersection of Tinker Road and Camp Sargent Road, said portion to be discontinued is more particularly described as a parcel of land abutting Map & Parcel 2B/309.

A motion was made by Selectman Morrill and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to approve the article as printed. Selectman Morrill noted that this is a

housekeeping article. There is only a small strip of land involved that is of no use to the town.

ARTICLE 38. Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Merrimack under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions?

A motion was made by Selectman Whitlock and seconded by S. Heinrich to approve the article as printed. Selectman Whitlock noted that there is no complete defined way the process under SB2 works. She noted that there is additional expense involved in this process. There may be delay and inconvenience at the polling place. This article would reverse the adoption of RSA 40:13. She urged adoption of the article.

C. McNerney noted that SB2 gives all voters a choice. He urged a no vote on this article.

B. Tenhave noted that the issue in this article is voting rights. He noted that SB2 gives everyone the right to vote. He noted that all voters have 30 days to review information on the articles. He noted that SB2 takes away the power of the special interest groups. He noted that only one extra meeting is needed and that absentee ballots are allowed. Several people spoke in opposition to the article.

F. Smith, 10 Bel Air Avenue, noted that just because someone disagrees with you it doesn't mean that they are not informed.

Moderator Christensen noted that this article is not amendable.

D. King noted that the value to this meeting is to debate the issues. He noted that there is a possibility that this meeting could be taped on video to be played on a community access channel on the cable system. He noted that SB2 should be given an opportunity to work.

The Deliberative Session of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Public Hearing
on Session I of Town Meeting
March 26, 1997

This public hearing convened at 7:35 p.m. in the Little Theater at the Merrimack High School with Chairman Rothhaus presiding. Also in attendance were Selectmen Christensen, Whitlock and L'Heureux, Town Manager Dean Shankle, Finance Administrator Bob Levan and Town Attorney Robert Bossie.

Ellen Dube of 8 Morningside Drive questioned the costs of the new form of Town Meeting (Official Ballot Voting). Finance Administrator Bob Levan explained that $10,000 was budgeted in this years budget and as of this date, not all expenditures have been received. So far, $2,000 for a mailing, $2,000 for a budget handout and $200 in magnifiers had been spent.

Thomas Koenig of 1 Danforth Road spoke in favor of the Official Ballot Bill and urged voters to vote no on Article #11 of the School Ballot and no on Article #38 of the Town Ballot on Town Meeting Day, April 8, 1997.

Chairman Rothhaus asked if there were any further questions. Being none, a motion by Selectman Whitlock and seconded by Selectman L'Heureux to adjourn this public hearing at 7:42 p.m. passed 4-0.

Merrimack Town Meeting
Second Session
April 8, 1997

The second session of the Merrimack Town Meeting was held on April 8, 1997. The following offices were on the ballot:

Selectmen (3 Years) - 2 positions

Norman Carr	2695 votes
Robert E. Dinsmore	481 votes
Gregory R. Hall	621 votes
Stanley R. Heinrich	1206 votes
Anthony Pellegrino	2023 votes
Dennis W. Tremblay	576 votes

Norman Carr and Anthony Pellegrino were elected to the position of Selectmen and were so declared.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Years) - 1 position

A. Dolores Bono	1686 votes
Diane M. Pollock	2610 votes

Diane M. Pollock was elected to the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and was so declared.

Treasurer - 1 position

Jean G. Weston	2121 votes
Linda B. Wilson	1537 votes

Jean G. Weston was elected to the position of Treasurer and was so declared.

Budget Committee (3 Years) - 4 positions

John "Jack" Balcom	2946 votes
David Denton	2736 votes
Charles L. Greenhalgh	2630 votes
Barbara Tucker	2797 votes

John "Jack" Balcom, David Denton, Charles L. Greenhalgh, and Barbara Tucker were elected to the position of Budget Committee and were so declared.

Budget committee (1Year)

Edward "Ted" Kimball	3079 votes

Edward "Ted" Kimball was elected to the position of budget committee and was so

Library Trustee (3 Years) - 2 positions

Lester H. Doughty	1385 votes
Robert N. Kelley	2556 votes
Duncan Morrill	1798 votes

Robert N. Kelley and Duncan Morrill were elected to the position of Library Trustee and were so declared.

Trust Fund Trustee (3 Years)

John E. Lyons	3051 votes

John E. Lyons was elected to the position of Trust Fund Trustee and was so declared.

The following questions were asked on the ballot:

ARTICLE 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 2.02.1, Residential District to declare that aircraft takeoffs and landings are not permitted accessory uses in the Residential District; this amendment will also provide new definitions in Section 1.03 for the terms airport, heliport, aircraft and, further amend Section 2.02, Permitted Uses - All Districts by providing a new Section 2.02, A-7, to clarify that use of aircraft for emergency response, construction, news media and similar purposes is permitted in all zoning districts?

Yes	3030 votes
No	1473 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 2.02 - Permitted Uses - All Districts, to include a new subsection 2.02, A-7, to provide that the use of aircraft, including aircraft takeoffs and landings, for emergency response, medical necessity, public safety, media coverage, building construction, equipment installation or political campaigning is permitted in all zoning districts?

Yes	2550 votes
No	1876 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 4 Are you in favor of the Adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 2.02.4-B, Industrial C Zone, to permit athletic fields and indoor or outdoor skating facilities as permitted uses in the Industrial C Zone?

Yes	3558 votes
No	837 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 3.02.4, Location of On-site Disposal Fields, to permit replacement of existing systems that have failed and do not meet the existing 20' setback requirement provided the septic system is not enlarged and is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services?

Yes	3417 votes
No	911 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 2 - Establishment of Districts, the official zoning map, and all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance by relabeling each Zoning District using a symbol that is congruent with the name of that District?

Yes	3014 votes
No	1112 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 7 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map to expand the northern portion of the existing General Commercial District to include certain parcels between Daniel Webster Highway and the F.E. Everett Turnpike, located generally north of the intersection of Hilton Drive and the Daniel Webster Highway and south of the Maple Ridge Condominiums, including Tax Map

Parcels 7E/20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and to reduce the area of Planned Residential District to exclude Tax Map Parcels 7E/21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 and 6E-2/8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18?

Yes	2351 votes
No	1739 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 8 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map to expand the northern portion of the existing Limited Commercial District to include certain parcels between Daniel Webster Highway and the F.E. Turnpike, located generally north of Chapel Lane and south of Priscilla Lane, including Tax Map Parcels 6E-2/7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; 6D-2/1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 6D-1/39, 38, 37, 36, 34, 34-1, 32, 31, 26-3, 26-2, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20-1, 20, 19 and 18 and a portion of tax map parcels 6D-1/14 and 15?

Yes	2218 votes
No	1833 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 9 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 2.02.11, Aquifer Conservation District, to include newly mapped wellhead protection areas, updated mapping for other aquifer areas, and to provide for Planning Board regulation of certain development proposals, including review by the Merrimack Village District?

Yes	3257 votes
No	910 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 10 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map to remove Tax Map Parcels 2B/357 and 2B/358 from the Residential District and include them in the Limited Commercial District? These properties are located near the terminus of Naticook Road with Continental Boulevard? (By Petition) (Disapproved by the Planning Board)

Yes	1288
No	2821

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,750,000 for the construction and equipping of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by the withdrawal from the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund created for said purpose, by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $3,750,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $129,500 for the purpose of 1997-98 bond issuance costs and interest and on said bonds or serial notes? (2/3 ballot vote required)

Yes	1558 votes
No	3095 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $613,000 for reconstructing Seaverns Bridge Road from Boston Post Road to the Amherst Town Line; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), by a transfer of the unreserved fund balance in the Road Pavement Management Fund, by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose, and by any interest that may be earned on the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed $613,000 and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,140 for the purpose of

1997-98 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (2/3 ballot vote required) (By Petition)

Yes	2184 votes
No	2332 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $598,000 for the purpose of improvements to the Central Fire Station and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the General Fund fund balance for said purpose? This is a Special Warrant Article, reflecting a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI that will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of the related project and June 30, 1999.

Yes	2520 votes
No	1996 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $16,317,166? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $16,005,918, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Yes	2067 votes
No	2281 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and the Professional Public Safety Officers of Merrimack/AFSCME Council 93 Local and that will amount to approximately $35,604 in 1997-98, $61,725 in 1998-99, and $90,340 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,604 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases? (This is a Special Warrant

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Article)

Yes	2182 votes
No	2309 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2232 of the International Union, UAW and that will amount to approximately $34,332 in 1997-98, $52,509 in 1998-99, and $71,330 in 1999-2000, said increase representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $34,332 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	1851 votes
No	2572 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904 and that will amount to approximately $108,934 in 1997-98, $141,625 in 1998-99, and $181,422 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $108,934 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	2404 votes
No	2114 votes

The question passed and was do declared.

ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 320 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and that will amount to approximately $72,163 in 1997-98, $108,417 in 1998-99, and $140,182 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might

otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $72,163 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	2327 votes
No	2144 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town vote to approve the wage and benefit increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2986 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and that will amount to approximately $56,059 in 1997-98, $98,437 in 1998-99, and $156,973 in 1999-2000, said increases representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of $56,059 to provide for the related 1997-98 wage and benefit increases? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	1808 votes
No	2691 votes

The question failed and was do declared.

ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,424 to provide longevity bonuses for full-time employees of the Town who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	1306 votes
No	3245 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of vote tabulating equipment? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	1542 votes
No	2994 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $0.00 for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Columbia Circle and Daniel Webster Highway? This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI that will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of the related project and June 30, 1999.

Yes	2008 votes
No	2332 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 23 Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,000 to purchase two parcels of land owned by Moores Falls Corporation known as Map and Parcel 6E/006 consisting of 7.90 acres off D.W. Highway and Map and Parcel 6E/008 consisting of .80 acres off D.W. Highway? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	1923 votes
No	2425 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 24 Shall the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Drainage Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of planning, designing and constructing drainage projects, including related easement acquisition; to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in said fund, said sum to be in addition to any federal, state, or private grants made available therefor and in addition to any other revenue related thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, and private aid; to permit said grants and related revenues to be deposited in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; or to act on anything relative thereto? (This is a Special Warrant Article)

Yes	2156 votes
No	2139 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 25 Shall the Town will vote to limit the amount of land use change tax that may be deposited in the Conservation Fund in accordance with the 1996 Warrant Article 20 to $50,000 during any fiscal year?

Yes	2264 votes

No	1908 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 26 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept, on behalf of the Merrimack Public Library, gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose? Said authority to remain in effect indefinitely, or until rescinded at a subsequent Town Meeting.

Yes	3782 votes
No	824 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 27 Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of all unencumbered funds remaining on hand in the Library budget at the end of fiscal year 1996-97 to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (By Petition)

Yes	2716 votes
No	1775 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 28 Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $100,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $20,400; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Yes	3453 votes
No	1065 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 29 Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be $30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,000; if married, a combined net income of not more than $18,000; and own net assets not in excess of $15,000 excluding the value of the person's residence? (By Petition)

Yes	3238 votes
No	1268 votes

The question passed and was do declared.

ARTICLE 30 Shall the Town vote to retain and hold for public purposes, the land located off of Wright Avenue, adjacent to the Merrimack River, (Tax Map Parcel 5D-1/5) consisting of approximately 12 acres, with building thereon, commonly known as the "Woodcomp Property" unless or until comparable Merrimack River riverfront land or lands can be obtained by way of gift, devise, legacy, purchase, sale or exchange? (By Petition)

Yes	3286 votes
No	1000 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 31 Shall the Town vote to amend the Sewer Use Ordinance Section 158-5 (D) to include the following new paragraph: Upon written request from the owner to defer connection to the public sewer, the Town, through the Board of Selectmen, may defer the requirement to connect to the public sewer provided the owner has had an inspection performed by a New Hampshire licensed subsurface disposal designer demonstrating the system is properly functioning which has been reviewed and approved by the Health Officer and Director of Public Works, that the system has received approval by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and that the system was installed after 1985?

Yes	3113 votes
No	1074 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 32 Shall the Town vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows: To amend Section 1. concerning Legislative Intent by adding the Island known as "Blueberry Island" located between Veteran's Memorial Park and Wasserman Park as a parks and recreation area covered by the ordinance?

Yes	3442 votes
No	793 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 33 Shall the Town vote to amend the Town Ordinance with respect to Parks and Recreation areas within the Town of Merrimack that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 1990, as follows: To amend Section 7. concerning alcoholic beverages by adding a new subsection 7.1 to read as follows: Exceptions. There will be no exceptions.

Yes	2866 votes
No	1323 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 34 Shall the Town vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Temporary Sales Locations and Vendors within the Town that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 11, 1995, as follows: To Amend Section 3 concerning Application for License; Information Required, by adding a new subsection 3.1 to read as follows: 3.1 RENEWAL OF APPLICATIONS; INFORMATION REQUIRED Any license holder may renew the license required by this Chapter by paying the fee in accordance with Section 4 and by completing an application in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance. Applicants for renewal of existing licenses shall not be required to have an additional certificate of inspection by the Health Officer, nor a certificate of safety inspection by the Police Department for all motor vehicle vendors, nor written consent of the property owner if the business activity is to be conducted on private property, provided that these documents have been previously filed with the Town Clerk as part of the original application, and that there are no changes of circumstances nor conditions which affect the validity or integrity of said inspection or documents?

Yes	2595 votes
No	1475 votes

operates an inside audible and/or visible signaling device at the premises within which the Emergency Alarm System is installed. Amend Section III, Paragraph 2 - Permit/Contract Fees as follows: Anyone applying for an Emergency Alarm System permit must complete the application form and return it to the Chief of Police and/or Chief of the Fire Department, with a one-time permit fee of $10.00. A separate Emergency Alarm Permit shall be required for each individual Emergency Alarm System in any single location. Amend Section IV, Maintaining An Emergency Alarm System Without A Permit, Paragraph 3 as follows: Operating an Emergency Alarm System without a permit penalty: Any person or alarm user who maintains or operates an Emergency Alarm System without a permit and causes a false alarm as defined herein, shall be issued a warning and given thirty (30) days to acquire a permit. Failure to acquire a permit after thirty)30) days, or six (6) false alarms, whichever occurs first, will result in the alarm user being guilty of a violation and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00). Remove Section VII as it refers to annual renewals. Remove Section IX, paragraphs 2 and 3 as it refers to permit fee and revocation?

Yes	2913 votes
No	1162 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 37 Shall the Town vote to discontinue a portion of Camp Sargent Road that is no longer used by the public since the reconstruction of the intersection of Tinker Road and Camp Sargent Road, said portion to be discontinued is more particularly described as a parcel of land abutting Map & Parcel 2B/309.

Yes	3278 votes
No	887 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 38 Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Merrimack under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions? (By Petition) (3/5 ballot vote required)

Yes	998 votes
No	3372 votes

The question failed and was so declared.

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 35 Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Ordinance? Purpose: The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire from abuse by and loss of charitable financial donations to panhandling and canning by persons, organizations, corporations or other entities who have not received a permit from the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire. This authority is granted pursuant to RSA 31:91. Section I. Permit Required: It shall be unlawful to solicit financial aid or assistance from the public by panhandling or canning for charitable or for other purposes by any person, firm, business, group, corporation, partnership or other entity, unless a permit for such activity is obtained from the Board of Selectmen. A copy of such permit is required to be visibly displayed during all solicitation activities, at all activity locations, by all those engaging in the activities. Each participant shall be included on the permit and a copy will be filed with the Chief of Police prior to commencing solicitation activities. Section II. Application: Applications for permits under this section shall be made to the Town Clerk upon a form to be determined by the Town Clerk, which shall include the name and address of the requesting individual or organization, the name and address of all participants, an indication that the organization is duly registered as non-profit or as charitable, or not, and written consent of property owners if the activities are to be conducted on private property. Section III. Application Fee: Each application for a permit under this ordinance shall be submitted with a fee of $5.00. The application fee may be waived upon request by registered non-profit and registered charitable organizations. Section IV. Designation of Town Clerk: The Board of Selectmen may designate its authority to issue permits under this ordinance to the Town Clerk. Section V. Penalty for Violation: Any person, firm, business, corporation or other entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed $500 for each offense. All funds collected in violation of this ordinance shall be forfeit to the use of the Town of Merrimack. Section VI. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1997. (By Petition)

Yes	2939 votes
No	1325 votes

The question passed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 36 Shall the Town vote to amend the Ordinance regulating Emergency Alarms that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting held on May 16 1996, as follows: Amend Section I Definitions as follows: K. Local Alarm: The term "Local Alarm" shall mean any alarm system not connected to the Emergency Alarm Monitoring Facility or to a central alarm station or answering service, which, when activated,

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Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated August 18, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire for the year ended June 30, 1997, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we have reported to the management of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire in a separate letter dated August 18, 1997.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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August 18, 1997

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Town Manager and Finance Director
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire for the year ended June 30, 1997, we considered the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. We previously reported on the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire's internal control structure in our report dated August 18, 1997. This letter does not affect that report or our report on the general purpose financial statements dated August 18, 1997.

Sincerely,

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

INVESTMENT SECURITIES - LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Observation:

Stock certificates in possession of the Library Trustees with an approximate market value of $8,800 at year end could not be located during our fieldwork.

Implication:

When procedures for safeguarding of assets are not followed assets are unnecessarily exposed to loss through theft or accidental destruction.

Recommendation:

We urge the Library Trustees to review their policies for the safekeeping of investment securities.

Town Response:

These securities are now being kept in the library safe.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES MANUAL

Observation:

As noted in prior years, the Town has not adopted a formal accounting procedures and policies manual.

Implication:

A procedures and policies manual reduces the risk that a breakdown in the daily operations will occur should there be failure in the internal control system. The manual will strengthen the internal controls of the Town by providing the necessary information for the uninterrupted operations of the Town.

Recommendation:

We again recommend that the Town adopt a written manual for accounting procedures and policies to prevent a breakdown in daily operations.

Town's Response:

It is recognized that a manual of accounting policies and procedures is important to internal accounting controls. Such a manual will be developed in the near future.

GENERAL FIXED ASSET ACCOUNT GROUP

Observation:

We previously reported that the Town does not maintain its investment in general fixed assets.

Implication:

The controls over fixed assets may be weakened due to the lack of accounting records. The financial statements do not conform to generally accepted accounting principles which require that the Town record general fixed assets in the General Fixed Asset Account Group.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Town complete its inventory of fixed assets so they may be included in the general purpose financial statements. The Town may consider establishing a policy with regard to the capitalization and deletion of fixed assets so the records may be maintained throughout the year.

Town's Response:

Fixed asset accounting for the Sewer Fund was completed several years ago, and progress has been made recently in inventorying other fixed assets of the Town. It is expected that a computerized, fixed assets accounting system will be in place by June 30, 1998.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the financial statements described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the fund types and account groups of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire as of June 30, 1997 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable and pension trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

August 18, 1997

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only) June 30,	
ASSETS	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Debt	1997	1996
Cash and cash equivalents	$2,682	$21,927		$197,907		$222,516	$137,193
Equity in pooled cash and investments	18,677,372	1,277,338	$182,457	24,720		20,161,887	15,765,253
Investments at cost		16,746		6,700,604		6,717,350	6,068,881
Taxes receivable	5,276,081					5,276,081	6,918,274
Accounts receivable	366,197	978,740	4,900			1,349,837	1,091,105
Due from other governments	343,283					343,283	335,985
Prepaid expenditures	97,480	127,132				224,612	56,120
Inventory	29,127					29,127	43,826
Due from other funds	41,926	20,119		12,970		75,015	84,384
Property, plant and equipment							
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations					$13,503,054	13,503,054	15,266,307
Total Assets	$24,834,148	$2,442,002	$187,357	$6,936,201	$13,503,054	$47,902,762	$45,767,328
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	$399,988	$86,476	$24,064			$510,528	$754,489
Accrued liabilities	417,093	21,494		$1,216,134		1,654,721	1,755,319
Performance deposits	155,730					155,730	167,710
Retainage payable	8,866		6,000			14,866	21,460
Deferred revenue	19,564,779	95,763	4,900			19,665,442	18,952,629
Due to others				268,675		268,675	300,871
Due to other funds	12,970			62,045		75,015	84,384
Capital lease obligations payable					$507,321	507,321	653,865
General obligation debt payable					8,257,405	8,257,405	9,440,330
Accrued compensated absences payable	74,699				749,728	824,427	639,614
Claims and judgments payable							489,116
Estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs					3,988,600	3,988,600	4,074,000
Total Liabilities	20,634,125	203,733	34,964	1,546,854	13,503,054	35,922,730	37,333,787
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for endowments				698,494		698,494	691,873
Reserved for encumbrances	470,109	85,820	552			556,481	185,101
Reserved for employees' retirement				1,437,000		1,437,000	1,174,303
Reserved for debt service							
Unreserved:							
Designated		337		2,766,074		2,766,411	2,437,466
Undesignated	3,729,914	2,152,112	151,841	487,779		6,521,646	3,944,798
Total Fund Balances	4,200,023	2,238,269	152,393	5,389,347		11,980,032	8,433,541
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$24,834,148	$2,442,002	$187,357	$6,936,201	$13,503,054	$47,902,762	$45,767,328

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental and Similar Trust Fund Types
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended June 30,	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	1997	1996
Revenues:						
Taxes	$8,322,945	$163,517		$4,096	$8,490,558	$8,357,488
Licenses and permits	2,857,388	825			2,858,213	2,422,194
Intergovernmental revenues	1,264,002	127,922		78,456	1,470,380	1,422,359
Charges for services	756,121	4,249,265			5,005,386	4,269,262
Fines & forfeits	28,661				28,661	17,123
Miscellaneous revenues	1,014,033	93,072	11,147	131,881	1,250,133	1,253,459
Total Revenues	14,243,150	4,634,601	11,147	214,433	19,103,331	17,741,885
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,610,432			14,409	1,624,841	1,644,365
Public safety	4,937,870	51,626			4,989,496	4,688,328
Highways and streets	1,772,269				1,772,269	1,900,208
Health and welfare	131,864				131,864	121,215
Sanitation		2,523,931			2,523,931	2,418,685
Culture and recreation	1,256,429	34,755		1,760	1,292,944	1,245,428
Capital outlay	594,530	107,014	399,019	501,985	1,602,548	1,827,083
Debt service:						
Principal of debt	792,482	536,988			1,329,470	1,288,941
Interest and fiscal charges	265,973	312,556			578,529	666,353
Total Expenditures	11,361,849	3,566,870	399,019	518,154	15,845,892	15,800,606
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,881,301	1,067,731	(387,872)	(303,721)	3,257,439	1,941,279
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds from debt financing						603,200
Operating transfers in			82,200	632,659	714,859	763,486
Operating transfers out	(424,859)	(290,000)			(714,859)	(763,486)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(424,859)	(290,000)	82,200	632,659		603,200
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	2,456,442	777,731	(305,672)	328,938	3,257,439	2,544,479
Fund Balances - July 1	1,743,581	1,460,538	458,065	2,437,136	6,099,320	3,554,841
Fund Balances - June 30	$4,200,023	$2,238,269	$152,393	$2,766,074	$9,356,759	$6,099,320

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis
Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	General Fund			Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Taxes	$7,548,423	$8,322,945	$774,522	$162,817	$163,517	$700	$7,711,240	$8,486,462	$775,222
Licenses and permits	2,096,918	2,857,388	760,470	500	825	325	2,097,418	2,858,213	760,795
Intergovernmental revenues	1,242,499	1,264,002	21,503	127,922	127,922		1,370,421	1,391,924	21,503
Charges for service	602,478	756,121	153,643	3,769,996	4,246,882	476,886	4,372,474	5,003,003	630,529
Fines & forfeits	18,095	28,661	10,566				18,095	28,661	10,566
Miscellaneous revenues	777,699	1,014,033	236,334	278,306	93,493	(184,813)	1,056,005	1,107,526	51,521
Total Revenues	12,286,112	14,243,150	1,957,038	4,339,541	4,632,639	293,098	16,625,653	18,875,789	2,250,136
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	1,651,017	1,619,805	31,212				1,651,017	1,619,805	31,212
Public safety	5,081,409	4,931,462	149,947	49,306	51,625	(2,319)	5,130,715	4,983,087	147,628
Highways and streets	1,815,047	1,769,882	45,165				1,815,047	1,769,882	45,165
Health and welfare	198,395	131,864	66,531				198,395	131,864	66,531
Sanitation				2,736,671	2,538,861	197,810	2,736,671	2,538,861	197,810
Culture and recreation	1,271,069	1,262,706	8,363	47,800	34,755	13,045	1,318,869	1,297,461	21,408
Capital outlay	987,219	939,951	47,268	342,363	131,547	210,816	1,329,582	1,071,498	258,084
Debt service:									
Principal of debt	792,482	792,482		536,988	536,988		1,329,470	1,329,470	
Interest and fiscal charges	281,374	265,973	15,401	312,555	312,556	(1)	593,929	578,529	15,400
Total Expenditures	12,078,012	11,714,125	363,887	4,025,683	3,606,332	419,351	16,103,695	15,320,457	783,238
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	208,100	2,529,025	2,320,925	313,858	1,026,307	712,449	521,958	3,555,332	3,033,374
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating transfers in	21,900		(21,900)	2,700	1,962	(738)	24,600	1,962	(22,638)
Operating transfers out	(330,000)	(424,859)	(94,859)	(290,000)	(290,000)		(620,000)	(714,859)	(94,859)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(308,100)	(424,859)	(116,759)	(287,300)	(288,038)	(738)	(595,400)	(712,897)	(117,497)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(100,000)	2,104,166	2,204,166	26,558	738,269	711,711	(73,442)	2,842,435	2,915,877
Fund Balances - July 1, 1996	1,625,748	1,625,748		1,414,180	1,414,180		3,039,928	3,039,928	
Fund Balances - June 30, 1997	$1,525,748	3,729,914	$2,204,166	$1,440,738	2,152,449	$711,711	$2,966,486	5,882,363	$2,915,877
Reconciliation to GAAP Basis:									
Elimination of encumbrances outstanding at year end		470,109			85,820			555,929	
Fund Balances - June 30, 1997 GAAP Basis		$4,200,023			$2,238,269			$6,438,292	

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
All Non-Expendable and Pension Trust Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Non-Expendable Trust	Pension Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended June 30, 1997	1996
Operating Revenues:				
Contributions		$129,212	$129,212	$127,800
Investment income	$84,493	21,883	106,376	135,695
	84,493	151,095	235,588	263,495
Operating Expenses	64,759	83,222	147,981	151,699
Operating Income	19,734	67,873	87,607	111,796
Non-Operating Income (Expense):				
Bequests	375		375	
Gain on investment transactions	6,246	194,824	201,070	52,223
Total Non-Operating Income	6,621	194,824	201,445	52,223
Net Income	26,355	262,697	289,052	164,019
Fund Balances - July 1	1,159,918	1,174,303	2,334,221	2,170,202
Fund Balances - June 30	$1,186,273	$1,437,000	$2,623,273	$2,334,221

EXHIBIT E

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Non-Expendable and Pension Trust Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Non-Expendable Trust	Pension Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended June 30, 1997	1996
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:				
Cash received from trust investments	$84,493	$23,071	$107,564	$138,758
Cash contributions received		77,496	77,496	138,022
Cash paid in accordance with trust agreements	(52,809)	(121,884)	(174,693)	(45,726)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	31,684	(21,317)	10,367	231,054
Cash Flows from Non Capital Financing Activities:				
Bequests	375		375	
Net Cash Provided by Non Capital Financing Activities	375		375	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Net (increase) decrease in investment securities	(24,220)	101,304	77,084	(795,428)
Gain on investment transactions	6,246	5,982	12,228	29,049
Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities	(17,974)	107,286	89,312	(766,379)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	14,085	85,969	100,054	(535,325)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1	23,204	55,615	78,819	998,816
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30	$37,289	$141,584	$178,873	$463,491
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities				
Net Operating Income	$19,734	$67,873	$87,607	$165,131
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Change in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable		1,188	1,188	(1,421)
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds		9,676	9,676	(237)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(100,054)	(100,054)	(48,818)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	11,950		11,950	(7,320)
Net Cash Provided	$31,684	($21,317)	$10,367	$107,335
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing activities				
Unrealized gain on investments		$188,842	$188,842	

See notes to financial statements

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 1997

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the "Town") was incorporated in 1746. The Town operates under the Town Meeting/Town Manager form of government and performs local governmental functions authorized by State law.

The accompanying financial statements of the Town present the financial position of the various fund types and account groups, the results of operations of the various fund types, and the cash flows for non-expendable trust funds.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility, including the Town Trustees of Trust Funds and the Trustees of the Merrimack Public Library. The Town has no organizational units which meet criteria for inclusion in the financial statements as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are summarized by type in the financial statements.

Individual funds and account groups summarized in the financial statements are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund - used to account for all revenues and expenditures which are not accounted for in other funds or account groups.

Special Revenue Funds - used to account for specific restricted revenues and expenditures for various purposes. The following funds have been accounted for as Special Revenue Funds:

Sewer Operating Fund
Library Fine Fund
Fire Protection Area Fund
DARE Fund
Solid Waste Disposal Fund
Naticook Day Camp Fund
Cable Television Fund
Heritage Trail Fund

Capital Projects Funds - used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and equipment. The Town accounts for the following construction projects in its Capital Projects Funds

Veteran's Memorial Park Fund
Road Pavement Management Fund
Police Station Fund

Fiduciary Funds

Assets held by the Town in a fiduciary capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governmental units, and/or other funds for various purposes. Receipts and expenditures of each fund are governed by statutes, local law, or the terms of the gift.

Trust Funds - Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds. The non-expendable funds are accounted for and reported as proprietary funds since capital maintenance is critical. These include non-expendable and pension trust funds.

Agency Funds - The School Agency Fund consists of capital reserve funds of the School District which are held by the Town as required by State law. Other agency funds account for the deferred compensation plan assets.

Account Groups

Account groups are not funds; they do not reflect available financial resources and related liabilities, but are accounting records of general fixed assets and general long-term obligations, respectively. The following is a description of the account groups of the Town.

General Fixed Asset Account Group - The Town does not record the acquisition of fixed assets in the General Fixed Asset Account Group, as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Fixed assets acquired or constructed for general government services are recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditure. Funds used to acquire general fixed assets and/or debt service payments on borrowings in connection therewith are accounted for as expenditures in the year payments are made.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - used to record the outstanding long-term obligations of the Town.

Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis is used for the non-expendable and pension trust funds. The measurement focus of these funds is determination of net income, financial position and cash flows ("capital maintenance" focus).

Governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis whereby revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

Expenditures, other than interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the liability is incurred, if measurable.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of revenues. In one, monies must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Town, therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met.

Licenses and permits, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are measurable and available.

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. The accompanying governmental and fiduciary funds financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. Non-expendable trust funds report these transactions as revenues and expenses.

Total columns on the accompanying financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are intended to facilitate financial analysis. Interfund eliminations have not been made at arriving at the data and it is not intended to present financial position, results of operations or cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Budgetary Data

The budget represents departmental appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under regulations of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ somewhat from generally accepted accounting principles in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types. Special revenue fund budgets are adopted only for funds under the control of the Board of Selectmen. Budgets for capital projects funds are adopted in the year the project is authorized and may extend over multiple accounting periods. Following is a reconciliation between the budget and the adopted budget as they are presented for reporting purposes.

Total May 16, 1996 Annual Town Meeting		$16,375,509
Supplemental Appropriations RSA 31:95b		348,186
Total Budget - Legal Basis		16,723,695
General Fund	$12,408,012	
Special Revenue Funds	4,315,683	
Total Budget - Report Basis		$16,723,695

State law requires balanced budgets but permits the use of beginning budgetary basis fund balance to reduce the property tax rate. For the year ended June 30, 1997, the Town applied $100,000 of its unreserved/undesignated fund balance to reduce taxes.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in Governmental Funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a component of fund balance since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and are detailed by fund type and function as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
General government	$11,466	
Public safety	1,124	
Highways and streets	9,031	
Sanitation		$61,287
Culture and recreation	19,822	
Capital outlay	428,666	24,533
	$470,109	$85,820

Statement of Cash Flows

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits. A reconciliation for Non-expendable Trust Funds is as follows:

Total Cash - Fiduciary Fund Types	$197,907
Less cash in Expendable Trusts	(19,034)
Less cash in Pension Trust	(141,584)
Cash and cash equivalents, per Exhibit E	$37,289

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Investments - Investments are stated at cost in all funds other than the pension trust and deferred compensation agency funds which record investments at market. Certificates of deposit with a maturity of greater than ninety days from the date of issuance are included in investments.

Taxes Receivable - Taxes levied during the current fiscal year and prior and uncollected at June 30, 1997 are recorded as receivables net of reserves for estimated uncollectibles of $8,513.

Inventory - The Town accounts for fuel and equipment repair parts under the consumption method on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories are recorded at cost.

Deferred Revenue - The Town has recorded deferred property tax revenues of $18,317,976 due July 1, 1997, which is the first installment of 1997-1998 taxes. The Town has also deferred taxes of

$883,230 which were levied and not received within the sixty day recognition period. Other deferred revenue consists of receivables which will be recognized when earned.

Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

Property Taxes - Taxes are levied on the assessed value of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 ($1,094,869,695 as of April 1, 1996) and are due in two installments on July 1 and December 2. Taxes paid after the due dates accrue interest at 12% per annum.

The Town collects taxes for the Merrimack School District, Hillsborough County, and the Merrimack Village District independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. Taxes appropriated during the year were $24,553,448, $2,624,495 and $37,269 for the Merrimack School District, Hillsborough County, and the Merrimack Village District, respectively. These taxes are not recognized as revenues in these financial statements. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes.

Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following calendar year after taxes were due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs. These priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum. If the property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property is tax deeded to the Town.

Accrued Vacation and Sick Leave - Employees earn vacation and sick leave as they provide services. Provision is made in the annual budget for vacation and sick leave. The total estimated value of accumulated compensated absences at June 30, 1997 is $824,697. The current portion of $74,969 has been recognized in the general fund and the long-term portion of $749,728 has been recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

NOTE 2--STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Compliance with Finance Related Legal Provisions - The Town has no material violations of finance related legal provisions.

NOTE 3--RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended June 30, 1997, the Town was a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc. (NHMA-PLIT) and the Compensation Funds of New Hampshire. The Town currently reports all of its risk management activities in its General Fund. These Trusts are classified as "Risk Pools" in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Trust agreements permit the Trusts to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Generally accepted accounting principles require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trusts foresee no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years.

Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information there is no liability at June 30, 1997.

New Hampshire Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc.

The NHMA-PLIT is a Trust organized to provide certain property and liability insurance coverages to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of the NHMA-PLIT, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefits from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Self Insured Retention Fund from which is paid up to $500,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss.

New Hampshire Worker's Compensation Fund

The Compensation Fund was organized to provide statutory worker's compensation coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. The Trust is self-sustaining through annual member premiums and provides coverage for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to $1,000,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to $375,000 for each and every covered claim.

NOTE 4--CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use of all governmental fund types which under state law are in the custody of the Town treasurer. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in pooled cash and investments". If a cash deficiency occurs it is recorded as an interfund balance. Investment earnings are allocated to each fund on the basis of average monthly balances. The deposits and investments of the Library Trustees Fund, the Capital Reserve and Insurance Expendable Trust Funds, the Non-expendable Trust Funds, the Pension Trust Fund and the Deferred Compensation Agency Fund are held separately from those of other Town funds.

The Town's deposit and investment policies are governed by New Hampshire state law and written policies adopted by the Board of Selectmen. The policy for Governmental Fund Types requires that deposits and investments be made in institutions that are participants in federal insurance programs. A maximum of $2,000,000 may be invested without perfected collateral in any one bank. An unsecured deposit or an investment of more than $100,000 must meet criteria set by the Board of Selectmen regarding the bank's financial condition. Investments for other funds are at the discretion of the trustees of those funds.

At year end, the carrying amount of all the Town's cash deposits was $4,629,344 and the bank balance was $2,954,749 of which $2,913,165 was insured or collateralized with securities held by an agent in the Town's name and $41,584 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

The Town's investments are categorized to provide an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town of Merrimack. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the

securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name. Category 2 included uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the Town's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

	Category			Carrying	Market
	1	2	3	Amount	Value
Certificates of deposit	$41,746			$41,746	$41,746
U.S. Treasury securities	1,547,417			1,547,417	1,574,071
Corporate bonds		$605,038		605,038	605,038
Corporate stock	726,278	688,966		1,415,244	2,462,691
Repurchase agreements	13,915,621			13,915,621	13,915,621
	$16,231,062	$1,294,004	$0	17,525,066	18,599,167
Land				1,575	695,257
Mutual funds				92,029	148,438
ICMA deferred compensation plan				1,216,134	1,216,134
Investments in New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP)				3,637,605	3,637,605
				22,472,409	$24,296,601
Book value of cash and deposits				4,629,344	
Total Cash and Investments				$27,101,753	

Investments in mutual funds, NHPDIP and ICMA are not investment securities and, as such, are not categorized by risk.

NOTE 5--EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Town has a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan for all non-union employees who are not a member of another retirement plan, who have completed a year of service, worked 1,000 or more hours in the plan year, and have attained the age of 21. The Town makes actuarially determined annual contributions to the pension plan equal to the maximum amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. Significant actuarial assumptions are described below. Covered wages under the plan were $1,906,228 or 26% of total wages paid to all employees of $7,275,661. Pension costs of $129,212 include current service costs, which are accrued and funded on a current basis, and prior costs, which are amortized over ten years.

The pension plan provides pension and death benefits. A member may retire after reaching the age of 55 and five years participation in the plan. Benefits vest at 100% after 5 years of service. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with 15 or more years of service are entitled to pension payments for the remainder of their lives equal to 30% of their final five-year average compensation, reduced for less than 15 years of service. The plan provides a death benefit equal to the present value of the deceased member's total accrued benefit.

Contributions from the Town are recognized as revenue in the period in which employees provide services to the Town. Investment income is recognized as earned by the pension plan. The net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments held by the pension plan is recorded as an increase (decrease) to investment income based on the valuation of investments as of the date of the balance sheet. (See Note 4 for investment composition). There are no investments with parties related to the pension plan.

The pension benefit obligation is the present value of future benefits used in the actuarial valuation for July 1, 1996, as permitted by generally accepted accounting principles for small plans. This pension valuation method reflects the present value of estimated pension benefits that will be paid in future years as a result of employee services performed to date and is adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases attributable to inflation. Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation include a rate of return on pre and post retirement assets of 7.5% annually, no pre-retirement withdrawal assumed and 2.5% level increase in salary scale. The unfunded pension benefit obligation at June 30, 1997 is as follows:

Present Value of Future Benefits	
Active plan participants	$2,237,784
Terminated members due immediate payouts	115,021
Pension benefit obligation	2,352,805
Net assets available for benefits	(1,437,000)
Unfunded pension benefit obligation	$915,805

No changes in actuarial assumptions or benefit provisions that would significantly affect the valuation of the pension benefit obligation occurred during the year.

Additional information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board follows these notes. This information is presented to enable the reader to assess the progress made by the Town in accumulating sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due.

New Hampshire Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the NHRS Board of Trustees. The plan provides service, disability, death and vested retirement allowances to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature. The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

Funding Policy

Covered public safety employees are required to contribute 9.3% of their covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town's contribution rates for the covered payroll of police officers and fire employees were 2.73% and 5.12%, respectively. The

Town contributes 65% of the employer cost for police officers and fire employees and the State contributes the remaining 35% of the employer cost. Amounts contributed by the State are immaterial to these financial statements.

Under State law (RSA-100:16), plan member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and employer contribution rates are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contributions to the NHRS for the years ending June 30, 1997, 1996, and 1995 were $119,017, $113,007, and $149,963, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Deferred Compensation Plan

All Town employees are eligible to participate in a separate deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan permits them to defer a portion of their salary which is not available to them until termination, retirement, death or unforeseen emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan and income attributable to those amounts remain property of the Town until made available to the covered employees. Participants rights are equal to those of general creditors of the Town. Plan assets are accounted for in the Deferred Compensation Agency Fund.

NOTE 6--GENERAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-term Debt - The changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 1997 were as follows:

	Balance 7/1/96	Obligations Retired	Balance 6/30/97
Debt	$9,440,330	$1,182,925	$8,257,405
Capital Lease	653,865	146,544	507,321
Claims and Judgments	489,116	489,116	
Total	$10,583,311	$1,818,585	$8,764,726

General Long-term Obligations

General Obligation Debt - payable at June 30, 1997 is comprised of the following individual issues:

$2,750,000 1977 State Guaranteed Sewer Line Extension Bonds due in annual installments of $125,000 through August 1, 1998; interest at 4.875%	$125,000
$2,250,000 1980 State Guaranteed Sewer Line Extension Bonds due in annual installments of $110,000 through July 1, 2000; interest at 7.12%	440,000
$3,300,000 1987 Road Improvement Bonds due in annual installments of $330,000 through July 15, 1997; interest at 7.25%	330,000

$1,550,000 1989 Camp Naticook Bond due in annual installments of $50,750 - $180,899 through January 2, 2005; interest at 9.5%	1,075,861
$1,460,000 1991 Road Improvement Bonds due in annual installments of $145,000 through August 15, 2001; interest at 6.5%	725,000
$1,100,000 1992 Road Improvement Bond due in annual installments of $110,000 through January 15, 2003; interest at 5.0% to 5.4%	660,000
$600,000 1995 Police Station Bonds due in annual installments of $120,00 through August 15, 2000; interest at 5.25%	480,000
$4,725,549 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bonds due in annual payments of $367,449, including interest at 4.632%, through April 1, 2003	4,421,544
	$8,257,405

Capital Lease Obligations - represent lease agreements entered into for the financing of equipment acquisitions. These contracts are subject to cancellation should funds not be appropriated to meet payment obligations. Following are individual capital leases at June 30, 1997:

Aeration System lease, 8.07%, due in annual installments of $135,524, maturing in March, 2001	$448,172
Recycling Facility lease, 8.3%, due in annual installments of $64,066, maturing in March, 1998	59,149
	$507,321

Summary of Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding long-term obligations as of June 30, 1997 including interest of $3,154,310 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Debt	Capital Leases	Total
1998	$1,639,766	$199,591	$1,839,357
1999	1,143,239	135,524	1,278,763
2000	1,116,475	135,524	1,251,999
2001	1,089,599	135,525	1,225,124
2002	836,932		836,932
2003-2007	2,547,269		2,547,269
2008-2012	1,837,245		1,837,245
2013-2015	1,102,347		1,102,347
	$11,312,872	$606,164	$11,919,036

Available Debt Margin - The Town is subject to State statute which limits debt outstanding to a percentage (dependent on purpose) of a valuation calculation made annually by the State. As of June 30, 1997 the Town had an available debt margin of $16,922,206 for general purposes. Debt incurred for sewer expansion is not included in the limitation calculations.

NOTE 7--INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund receivables/payables at June 30, 1997 were as follows:

Fund	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	$41,926	$12,970
Special Revenue Funds:		
Sewer Operating Fund	20,119	
Trust and Agency Funds:		
Expendable Trust Funds	11,558	50,095
Non-expendable Trust Funds		11,950
Pension Trust Fund	1,412	
Total	$75,015	$75,015

NOTE 8--NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

The principal amounts of all Non-expendable Trust Funds are restricted in that only income earned may be expended. Principal and income balances at June 30, 1997 were as follows:

	Principal	Income	Total
Fund A	$199,998	$155,994	$355,992
Fund B	23,352	12,704	36,056
Fund C	249,571	75,223	324,794
Other Funds	225,573	243,858	469,431
	$698,494	$487,779	$1,186,273

NOTE 9--UNRESERVED DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 1997, the designated fund balance of $337 in the Library Fine Special Revenue Fund is for a restricted donation.

At June 30, 1997, the designated fund balance of the Expendable Trust Funds consists of the following:

Landfill	$556,700
Highway Equipment	592,697
Fire Equipment	122,931
Ambulance	73,415
Waste Water Treatment Facility	1,012,028
Conservation Trust	24,720
Property Reappraisal	37,913
Insurance Trust Funds	9,314
Land Bank	38,737
Sewer Line Extension	144,717
Sidewalks and Bike Paths	44,449

Bridge Replacement	63,225
Library Construction	43,855
Library Roof	1,373
Total Expendable Trust Funds	$2,766,074

NOTE 10--PERFORMANCE BONDS

The Town holds performance bonds from developers until projects have been completed to Town standards. Due to the nature of the bonds they are not included as part of the financial statements. As of June 30, 1997, the performance bonds are comprised of the following:

Letters of credit	$404,650
Surety bond	925,661
	$1,330,311

NOTE 11--COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

Town officials estimate that any potential claims against the Town which are not covered by insurance are immaterial. Certain tax assessments are the subject of appeal to the New Hampshire Board of Land and Tax Appeals.

NOTE 12--TOP TAXPAYERS

The following are the five major property owners as they relate to the 1996 assessed property valuation of $1,094,869,695:

Taxpayer	1996 Property Valuation	Percentage of Total Valuation
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	$48,988,000	4.47%
FMR NH Realty Limited Partnership	35,211,372	3.22%
Nashua Corporation	14,838,500	1.36%
Lockheed Sanders, Inc.	14,759,100	1.35%
Public Service of New Hampshire	12,435,000	1.14%

NOTE 13--LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the Town place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. An estimated liability has been recorded in the long-term account group based on the future closure and postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfill no longer accepts waste. These landfill closure and postclosure care costs are based on the amount of the landfill used. The estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs has a balance of $3,988,600 as of June 30, 1997, which is based on 98% usage of the landfill. It is estimated that an additional $81,400 will be recorded as closure and postclosure care costs between June 30, 1997

and the date the landfill is expected to be filled to capacity (fiscal year 1998). The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and postclosure care of $4,070,000 is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 1997. However, the actual cost of closure and postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

The Town has established a landfill capital reserve to partially finance the closure and postclosure costs. At June 30, 1997, the balance in the landfill capital reserve is $556,700. The remaining closure and postclosure care costs are expected to be financed through the issuance of debt.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

The historical pension information on page 20 is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

August 18, 1997

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Required Supplementary Information

Analysis of Funding Progress

Fiscal Year	Net Assets Available for Benefits	Pension Benefit Obligation	Percentage Funded	Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation	Annual Covered Payroll	Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
1988	$430,507	$1,238,058	34.8%	$807,551	$1,327,198	60.8%
1989	486,913	1,507,739	32.3%	1,020,826	1,507,788	67.7%
1990	602,347	1,659,197	36.3%	1,056,850	1,771,619	59.7%
1991	640,842	1,741,200	36.8%	1,100,358	1,854,655	59.3%
1992	690,921	1,738,507	39.7%	1,047,586	1,836,276	57.0%
1993	821,686	1,921,353	42.8%	1,099,667	1,911,778	57.5%
1994	908,684	1,986,597	45.7%	1,077,913	1,891,823	57.0%
1995	1,055,122	1,956,946	53.9%	901,824	1,808,288	49.9%
1996	1,174,303	2,217,321	53.0%	1,043,018	2,006,878	52.0%
1997	1,437,000	2,352,805	61.1%	915,805	1,906,228	48.0%

Revenues by Source and Expenses by Type

	Revenues by Source			Expenses by Type			
Fiscal Year	Employer Contribution	Investment Income	Total	Benefits	Administrative Expenses	Refunds	Total
1988	$76,612	$29,424	$106,036		$2,925		$2,925
1989	22,883	38,489	61,373		3,002	$1,965	4,967
1990	102,540	44,799	147,339		20	31,885	31,905
1991	103,085	51,457	154,542	$113,839	2,208		116,047
1992	68,274	53,297	121,571	66,719	4,377		71,096
1993	114,750	58,718	173,468	39,568	3,531		43,099
1994	107,968	41,369	149,337	56,883	5,456		62,339
1995	108,916	61,789	170,705	24,217	50		24,267
1996	127,800	50,391	178,191	105,973			105,973
1997	129,212	21,424	150,636	67,311	15,452		82,763

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

Our report on our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire as of June 30, 1997 and for the year then ended appears on page one. That audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

August 18, 1997

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Balance Sheet - All Special Revenue Funds

June 30, 1997

ASSETS	Sewer Operating Fund	Library Fine Fund	Fire Protection Area Fund	Solid Waste Disposal Fund	Naticook Day Camp Fund	Cable Television Fund	DARE Fund	Heritage Trail Fund	Combining Totals June 30, 1997	1996
Cash		$21,927							$21,927	$16,556
Equity in pooled cash and investments	$896,944		$28,083	$298,480	$12,006	$37,811	$3,411	$603	1,277,338	788,664
Investments		16,746							16,746	15,615
Accounts receivable	941,346		4,452	32,942					978,740	782,358
Prepaid expenditures	127,132								127,132	41,474
Due from other funds	20,119								20,119	
Total Assets	$1,985,541	$38,673	$32,535	$331,422	$12,006	$37,811	$3,411	$603	$2,442,002	$1,644,667
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	$73,671		$3,536	$7,104	$100	$2,065			$86,476	$127,246
Accrued liabilities	17,632			3,862					21,494	20,270
Retainage payable										6,830
Deferred revenue	66,825		20,719	8,219					95,763	29,783
Total Liabilities	158,128		24,255	19,185	100	2,065			203,733	184,129
Fund Balances:										
Reserved for encumbrances	57,533			19,291		8,996			85,820	46,358
Unreserved:										
Designated		$337							337	330
Undesignated	1,769,880	38,336	8,280	292,946	11,906	26,750	$3,411	$603	2,152,112	1,413,850
Total Fund Balances	1,827,413	38,673	8,280	312,237	11,906	35,746	3,411	603	2,238,269	1,460,538
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$1,985,541	$38,673	$32,535	$331,422	$12,006	$37,811	$3,411	$603	$2,442,002	$1,644,667

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Sewer Operating Fund	Library Fine Fund	Fire Protection Area Fund	Solid Waste Disposal Fund	Naticook Day Camp Fund	Cable Television Fund	DARE Fund	Heritage Trail Fund	Combining Totals For the Years Ended June 30, 1997	1996
Revenues:										
Taxes				$135,017		$28,500			$163,517	$180,635
Licenses and permits	$825								825	575
Intergovernmental revenues	127,922								127,922	132,768
Charges for service	3,686,577	$25,468	$37,724	499,496					4,249,265	3,690,256
Miscellaneous revenues	63,774	3,353	1,211	16,365	$877	717	$6,762	$13	93,072	54,315
Total Revenues	3,879,098	28,821	38,935	650,878	877	29,217	6,762	13	4,634,601	4,058,549
Expenditures:										
Current:										
Public safety			42,427				9,199		51,626	49,802
Sanitation	2,138,330			385,601					2,523,931	2,418,685
Culture and recreation		22,319				12,436			34,755	37,157
Capital outlay	99,314				7,700				107,014	41,718
Debt service:										
Principal of debt	482,379			54,609					536,988	624,049
Interest and fiscal charges	303,098			9,458					312,556	356,906
Total Expenditures	3,023,121	22,319	42,427	449,668	7,700	12,436	9,199		3,566,870	3,528,317
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	855,977	6,502	(3,492)	201,210	(6,823)	16,781	(2,437)	13	1,067,731	530,232
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Operating transfers in										57,140
Operating transfers out	(150,000)			(140,000)					(290,000)	(290,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(150,000)			(140,000)					(290,000)	(232,860)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	705,977	6,502	(3,492)	61,210	(6,823)	16,781	(2,437)	13	777,731	297,372
Fund Balances - July 1	1,121,436	32,171	11,772	251,027	18,729	18,965	5,848	590	1,460,538	1,163,166
Fund Balances - June 30	$1,827,413	$38,673	$8,280	$312,237	$11,906	$35,746	$3,411	$603	$2,238,269	$1,460,538

SCHEDULE 3

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Balance Sheet - All Capital Projects Funds

June 30, 1997

	Road Pavement Management Fund	Police Station Fund	Combining Totals June 30, 1997	1996
ASSETS				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	$106,611	$75,846	$182,457	$472,297
Accounts receivable	4,900		4,900	
Total Assets	$111,511	$75,846	$187,357	$472,297
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$23,218	$846	$24,064	$8,232
Retainage payable		6,000	6,000	
Deferred revenue	4,900		4,900	6,000
Total Liabilities	28,118	6,846	34,964	14,232
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	552		552	20,910
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	82,841	69,000	151,841	437,155
Total Fund Balances	83,393	69,000	152,393	458,065
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$111,511	$75,846	$187,357	$472,297

SCHEDULE 4

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Capital Projects Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Veteran's Memorial Park Fund	Road Pavement Management Fund	Police Station Fund	Combining Totals For the Years Ended June 30, 1997	1996
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental revenues					$60,093
Miscellaneous revenues	$4	$9,708	$1,435	$11,147	62,692
Total Revenues	4	9,708	1,435	11,147	122,785
Expenditures:					
Capital outlay	496	397,309	1,214	399,019	646,797
Debt Service:					
Interest and fiscal charges					8,271
Total Expenditures	496	397,309	1,214	399,019	655,068
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(492)	(387,601)	221	(387,872)	(532,283)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds of long-term debt					603,200
Operating transfers in		35,200	47,000	82,200	20,000
Operating transfers out					(57,140)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		35,200	47,000	82,200	566,060
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(492)	(352,401)	47,221	(305,672)	33,777
Fund Balances - July 1	492	435,794	21,779	458,065	424,288
Fund Balances - June 30	$	$83,393	$69,000	$152,393	$458,065

SCHEDULE 5

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Balance Sheet - All Trust and Agency Funds
June 30, 1997

	Expendable Trust Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Pension Trust Fund	School Agency Fund	Deferred Compensation Agency Fund	Combining Totals June 30, 1997	1996
ASSETS							
Cash and equivalents	$19,034	$37,289	$141,584			$197,907	$117,581
Equity in pooled cash and investments	24,720					24,720	20,702
Investments	2,760,857	1,160,934	1,294,004	$268,675	$1,216,134	6,700,604	6,053,266
Accounts receivable							1,188
Due from other funds	11,558		1,412			12,970	11,088
Total Assets	$2,816,169	$1,198,223	$1,437,000	$268,675	$1,216,134	$6,936,201	$6,203,825
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable							$100,054
Accrued liabilities					$1,216,134	1,216,134	958,247
Due to others				$268,675		268,675	300,871
Due to other funds	$50,095	$11,950				62,045	73,296
Total Liabilities	50,095	11,950		268,675	1,216,134	1,546,854	1,432,468
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for endowments		$698,494				698,494	691,873
Reserved for employees' retirement			$1,437,000			1,437,000	1,174,303
Unreserved:							
Designated	$2,766,074					2,766,074	2,437,136
Undesignated		487,779				487,779	468,045
Total Fund Balances	2,766,074	1,186,273	1,437,000			5,389,347	4,771,357
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$2,816,169	$1,198,223	$1,437,000	$268,675	$1,216,134	$6,936,201	$6,203,825

SCHEDULE 6

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Project-Length Schedule of Construction Projects
All Capital Projects Funds
Beginning of Projects to June 30, 1997

	Road Pavement Management Fund	Veterans Memorial Park Fund	Police Station Fund
Revenues and Other Financial Sources:			
Environmental Protection Agency grants			
State of New Hampshire grants			
Private grants		$94,874	$17,743
Proceeds of general obligation bond issues	$7,760,000		600,000
Interest income	1,110,997	9,908	20,847
Transfers in	75,200		67,000
Miscellaneous	4,800		
Total Revenues and Other Financial Sources	8,950,997	104,782	705,590
Expenditures:			
Engineering and construction	8,399,487	104,782	629,041
Bond issue costs	41,476		7,549
Bond/bond anticipation note interest	426,641		
Transfers out for bond principal and interest			
Total Expenditures	8,867,604	104,782	636,590
Fund Balance	$83,393	$0	$69,000

- The competitive bidding of the Town's workers compensation, unemployment compensation, property, and liability insurance coverages; processing all property and liability claims; and ensuring that the Town's coverages are adequate.

- The general administration of the Town's defined benefit pension plan.

- Assisting the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and other departments and committees in various finance-related matters.

<u>Finance Department Staff</u>
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Daniel Lynch, Accounting Supervisor
Sandra Degnan, Account Clerk I
Brenda Dulong, Account Clerk III

1997 Annual Report Of The

Finance Department

Submitted by Robert T. Levan
Finance Administrator

The responsibilities of the Finance Department include the following:

- The recording and reporting of all financial transactions of the Town and the preparation of various management and compliance reports.

- The administration of a complex payroll accounting system (approximately 12,000 payroll checks per year) and the maintenance of employee vacation and sick leave accrual records.

- The pre-audit of all purchase orders and vendor invoices, the recording of these documents, the processing of related accounts payable checks, and the reporting of the expenditures reflected thereby (approximately 2,000 purchase orders, 11,000 invoices, and 6,000 accounts payable checks per year).

- Advising the Board of Selectmen in the adoption of investment policies and assisting the Treasurer in investing Town funds in accordance with those policies.

- The preparation of the Town's annual budget and associated compliance reports and participation in all budget-related meetings.

- Coordinating the preparation of the annual capital improvements program on behalf of the Planning Board.

- Participation in the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements.

- The competitive bidding of all purchases of equipment costing $1,000 or more.

- Coordinating the sale of tax-deeded properties and the auction of surplus Town equipment and vehicles and unclaimed equipment received by the Police Department.

- The billing and collection of ambulance bills.

- The competitive bidding of the Town's group health, dental, life and disability insurance coverages; coordinating the related annual employee enrollment or re-enrollment processes; and auditing all related billings.

LONG-TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT SCHEDULES

$2,750,000 1977 Sewer Line Extension Bonds
4.875% Interest - State Guaranteed

Year	Interest August 1	Principal August 1	Interest February 1	Total
1997-98	3,046.75	125,000.00	0.00	128,046.75

$2,250,000 1980 Sewer Line Extension Bonds
7.12% Interest - State Guaranteed

Year	Interest July 1	Principal July 1	Interest January 1	Total
1997-98	17,132.50	110,000.00	12,952.50	140,085.00
1998-99	12,952.50	110,000.00	8,690.00	131,642.50
1999-2000	8,690.00	110,000.00	4,372.50	123,062.50
2000-2001	4,372.50	110,000.00	0.00	114,372.50
	43,147.50	440,000.00	26,015.00	509,162.50

$3,300,000 1987 Road Improvement Bonds
5.40% - 7.25% Interest

Year	Interest July 15	Principal July 15	Interest January 15	Total
1997-98	11,962.50	330,000.00	0.00	341,962.50

$1,550,000 1989 Camp Naticook Bonds
9.5% Interest

Year	Interest July 2	Principal January 2	Interest January 2	Total
1997-98	51,103.00	95,794.00	51,103.00	198,000.00
1998-99	46,553.00	104,894.00	46,553.00	198,000.00
1999-2000	41,571.00	114,858.00	41,571.00	198,000.00
2000-01	36,115.00	125,770.00	36,115.00	198,000.00
2001-02	30,141.00	137,718.00	30,141.00	198,000.00
2002-03	23,599.00	150,802.00	23,599.00	198,000.00
2003-04	16,436.00	165,128.00	16,436.00	198,000.00
2004-05	8,593.00	180,896.00	8,593.00	198,082.00
	254,111.00	1,075,860.00	254,111.00	1,584,082.00

$330,000 1991 Recycling Facility Lease/Purchase Agreement
8.341% Interest

Year	Principal March 31	Interest March 31	Total
1997-98	59,148.79	4,917.70	64,066.49

$906,500 1991 Aeration System Lease/Purchase Agreement
8.0699% Interest

Year	Principal March 15	Interest March 15	Total
1997-98	99,355.25	36,169.21	135,524.46
1998-99	107,373.60	28,150.86	135,524.46
1999-2000	116,039.07	19,485.39	135,524.46
2000-01	125,403.90	10,120.56	135,524.46
	448,171.82	93,926.02	542,097.84

$1,460,000 1991 Road Improvement Bonds
6.5% Interest

Year	Interest August 15	Principal August 15	Interest February 15	Total
1997-98	23,562.50	145,000.00	18,850.00	187,412.50
1998-99	18,850.00	145,000.00	14,137.50	177,987.50
1999-2000	14,137.50	145,000.00	9,425.00	168,562.50
2000-01	9,425.00	145,000.00	4,712.50	159,137.50
2001-02	4,712.50	145,000.00	0.00	149,712.50
	70,687.50	725,000.00	47,125.00	842,812.50

$1,100,000 1992 Road Improvement Bonds
5.0% - 5.4% Interest

Year	Interest January 15	Principal January 15	Interest July 15	Total
1997-98	17,105.00	110,000.00	17,105.00	144,210.00
1998-99	14,355.00	110,000.00	14,355.00	138,710.00
1999-2000	11,550.00	110,000.00	11,550.00	133,100.00
2000-01	8,745.00	110,000.00	8,745.00	127,490.00
2001-02	5,885.00	110,000.00	5,885.00	121,770.00
2002-03	2,970.00	110,000.00	2,970.00	115,940.00
	60,610.00	660,000.00	60,610.00	781,220.00

$600,000 1995 Police Station Bonds
5.25% Interest

Year	Interest August 15	Principal August 15	Interest February 15	Total
1997-98	120,000.00	12,600.00	9,450.00	142,050.00
1998-99	120,000.00	9,450.00	6,300.00	135,750.00
1999-2000	120,000.00	6,300.00	3,150.00	129,450.00
2000-01	120,000.00	3,150.00	0.00	123,150.00
	480,000.00	31,500.00	18,900.00	530,400.00

$4,725,549.33 1996 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bond
4.632% Interest

Year	Principal April 1	Interest April 1	Total
1997-98	162,643.11	204,805.95	367,449.06
1998-99	170,176.74	197,272.32	367,449.06
1999-2000	178,059.32	189,389.74	367,449.06
2000-01	186,307.03	181,142.03	367,449.06
2001-02	194,936.77	172,512.29	367,449.06
2002-03	203,966.24	163,482.82	367,449.06
2003-04	213,413.96	154,035.10	367,449.06
2004-05	223,299.30	144,149.76	367,449.06
2005-06	233,642.52	133,806.54	367,449.06
2006-07	244,464.84	122,984.22	367,449.06
2007-08	255,788.45	111,660.61	367,449.06
2008-09	267,636.57	99,812.49	367,449.06
2009-10	280,033.50	87,415.56	367,449.06
2010-11	293,004.65	74,444.41	367,449.06
2011-12	306,576.63	60,872.43	367,449.06
2012-13	320,777.26	46,671.80	367,449.06
2013-14	335,635.66	31,813.40	367,449.06
2014-15	351,182.17	16,266.76	367,448.93
	4,421,544.72	2,192,538.23	6,614,082.95

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1997-98	1,356,941.15	491,865.61	1,848,806.76
1998-99	867,444.34	417,619.18	1,285,063.52
1999-2000	893,956.39	361,192.13	1,255,148.52
2000-01	922,480.93	302,642.59	1,225,123.52
2001-02	587,654.77	249,276.79	836,931.56
2002-03	464,768.24	216,620.82	681,389.06
2003-04	378,541.96	186,907.10	565,449.06
2004-05	404,195.30	161,335.76	565,531.06
2005-06	233,642.52	133,806.54	367,449.06
2006-07	244,464.84	122,984.22	367,449.06
2007-08	255,788.45	111,660.61	367,449.06
2008-09	267,636.57	99,812.49	367,449.06
2009-10	280,033.50	87,415.56	367,449.06
2010-11	293,004.65	74,444.41	367,449.06
2011-12	306,576.63	60,872.43	367,449.06
2012-13	320,777.26	46,671.80	367,449.06
2013-14	335,635.66	31,813.40	367,449.06
2014-15	351,182.17	16,266.76	367,448.93
Total	8,764,725.33	3,173,208.20	11,937,933.53

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
JUNE 30, 1997

Landfill Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	527,653.18
Expenditures:	
Tire shredding	(35,000.00)
Landfill closure plan design	(15,316.99)
Hydrogeological studies and monitoring re: landfil	(6,749.24)
Compactor	(59,500.00)
Pickup truck	(24,459.55)
Transfer from General Fund	140,000.00
Investment income	30,072.73
Balance - 06/30/97	556,700.13
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	62,512.32
Transfer from General Fund	57,000.00
Investment income	3,419.04
Balance - 06/30/97	122,931.36
Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	58,272.25
Transfer from General Fund	12,000.00
Investment income	3,142.30
Balance - 06/30/97	73,414.55
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	587,206.47
Expenditures:	
Dump truck with hitch and wing plow	(65,123.00)
Dump truck bodies	(16,164.00)
Pickup trucks - 2	(49,765.01)
Transfer from General Fund	106,000.00
Investment income	30,542.24
Balance - 06/30/97	592,696.70
Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	47,649.46
Expenditures:	
Computer equipment and software re: valuation s	(12,284.96)
Investment income	2,548.76
Balance - 06/30/97	37,913.26

Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	793,132.70
Expenditures:	
Electrical feeder wire installation	(33,750.00)
Continental Boulevard sewer interceptor project	(18,644.78)
State grant re: sewer plant instrumentation project	78,456.00
Transfer from Sewer Fund	150,000.00
Investment income	42,834.43
Balance - 06/30/97	1,012,028.35
Land Bank Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	36,835.09
Investment income	1,901.72
Balance - 06/30/97	38,736.81
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	41,091.57
Transfer from General Fund	20,000.00
Investment income	2,133.14
Balance - 06/30/97	63,224.71
Sewer Line Extension Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	132,725.40
Expenditures:	
Turkey Hill Road sewer line	(94,878.36)
Transfer from General Fund	100,000.00
Investment income	6,869.59
Balance - 06/30/97	144,716.63
Sidewalks/Bike Paths Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	51,364.63
Expenditures:	
Baboosic Lake Road and McElwin Street sidewa	(34,567.50)
Transfer from General Fund	25,000.00
Investment income	2,651.74
Balance - 06/30/97	44,448.87
Library Roof Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	20,545.89
Expenditures:	
Library roof	(30,230.00)
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
Investment income	1,057.59
Balance - 06/30/97	1,373.48
Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	35,481.21
Expenditures:	
Conceptual design	(5,552.14)
Transfer from General Fund	11,908.39
Investment income	2,017.01
Balance - 06/30/97	43,854.47

Self Insurance Trust Funds	
Balance - 07/01/96	21,963.99
Expenditures:	
Claims paid	(14,408.87)
Investment income	1,759.42
Balance - 06/30/97	9,314.54
Special Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	14,455.88
Expenditures:	
Comuter equipment	(1,760.00)
Transfer from General Fund	750.50
Investment income	622.51
Balance - 06/30/97	14,068.89
80 Acres Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	6,245.70
Investment income	305.02
Balance - 06/30/97	6,550.72
Use Change Tax Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/96	0.00
Use change tax	4,096.25
Investment income	3.87
Balance - 06/30/97	4,100.12
Grand Total	
Balance - 07/01/96	2,437,135.74
Expenditures	(518,154.40)
Transfer from General Fund	482,658.89
Transfer from Sewer Fund	150,000.00
Investment income	131,881.11
Other revenue	82,552.25
Balance - 06/30/97	2,766,073.59

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
JUNE 30, 1997

Town Hall:	
Land and buildings	1,575,521
Furniture and equipment	802,448
Library:	
Land and buildings	593,838
Furniture and equipment	202,483
Police Department:	
Land and buildings	793,845
Equipment	1,243,624
Ambulance	327,203
Fire Department:	
Land and buildings	108,498
Equipment	1,359,846
Landfill	1,024,494
Parks, commons, and playgrounds	2,965,991
Highway Department:	
Land and buildings	269,997
Equipment	1,929,892
Emergency Management equipment	47,506
Sewer plant and facilities	35,560,569
Land and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Robin Lane 6C/302	2,940
Turkey Hill Road 4C/233	9,710
Burt Street 5C/270	5,590
Old Blood Road 5B/231, 5B/009	10,400
Valleyview Drive 5C/142	22,730
Valleyview Drive 5C/150	4,880
Brewster Street 6D/188-1	5,640
Rita Street 6D/163	7,580
Ingham Road 3C/030-1	220
Lawrence Road 7B/001	690
Mayhew Road 6A-2/092-01	550
Mayhew Road 6A-2/110	132
Pearson Road 7D/166-2	235
Longa Road 6A-2/128	200
Bedford Road 6D/233-1	455
Woodhaven Circle 6D/052	2,840
Pine Trail Road 6A-2/025	34
Newton Street 4C/352	25

Jebb Road 6A-2/158	2,581
South Grater Road 5A/009	28,702
Greenwood Drive 6A-1/097	166
Miriam Road 6A-2/058	6,424
Donald Road 6A-1/133	263
Amherst Road 3A/051	994
Wilson Hill Road 5A/066	1
Greenfield Drive 7D/197	731
Sunnydale Drive 5D-3/093	1,025
Greenfield Drive 7D/198	725
Cross Street 4C/157	810
Riverside Drive 4B/077-1	402
Greenfield Drive 7D/196	718
Waterville Drive 7D/129	532
Belmont Drive 6D/286	1,753
Daniel Webster Highway 7E/056	313
Davis Road 6D/429-1	14
Northwood Drive 4C/116	254
Turkey Hill Road 4C/142	756
Greenfield Drive 7D/236	725
Wire Road 6C/208-1	109
Beacon Drive 5C/615	4,305
Daniel Webster Highway 3D-2/003	4,182
Waterville Drive 7D/166-3	316
Patten Road 6C/577-2	178
Christopher Road 4C/268	814
Wright Avenue 5D-1/05	431,632
Richard Road 6A-2/145	348
Sarah Drive 4C/099	3,402
Joppa Road 6C/292-1	4,684
Shelburne Road 7E/020-S63	5,650
Front Street 6D-1/075	95,289
Front Street 6D-1/076	3,507
Cricket Hill Drive 7D/166-CH36	107
Sandhill Drive 6C/272	3,135
Total	49,486,153

1997 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land:		
Current use - 4,931.07 acres	538,887	
Residential - 7,851.17 acres	261,371,003	
Commercial/industrial - 2,604.96 acres	77,351,807	
Total land		339,261,697
Buildings:		
Residential	586,288,260	
Manufactured housing	3,707,600	
Commercial/industrial	206,041,650	
Total buildings		796,037,510
Public utilities:		
Water	2,492,900	
Gas	3,327,300	
Electric	13,736,000	
Total public utilities		19,556,200
Total valuation before exemptions		1,154,855,407
Exemptions:		
Blind - 6	90,000	
Elderly - 102	5,569,500	
Disabled - 4	506,300	
Total exemptions		6,165,800
Net valuation on which tax rate is based		1,148,689,607

Net Assessed Valuation

Year	Net Assessed Value	Ratio	Equalized 100% Value
1997	1,148,689,607	94%	1,222,010,220
1996	1,094,869,695	96%	1,140,489,266
1995 B	1,071,829,370	97%	1,104,978,732
1994	1,116,283,912	95%	1,175,035,697
1993 A	1,140,969,487	94%	1,213,797,327
1992	1,634,805,805	134%	1,220,004,332
1991	1,631,537,851	123%	1,326,453,537
1990	1,623,054,803	105%	1,545,766,479
1989	1,609,532,654	100%	1,609,532,654
1988	628,790,284	42%	1,497,119,724
1987	590,884,826	43%	1,374,150,758
1986	536,460,879	47%	1,141,342,296
1985	476,434,301	58%	821,438,450
1984	433,028,396	69%	627,577,386
1983	403,180,435	73%	552,301,966
1982	388,767,938	77%	504,493,476
1981	363,434,663	81%	448,684,769
1980	359,864,537	87%	413,637,399

A - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction
B - Reflects property revaluation

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 1997

Appropriations	
Election and voter registration	21,304
Property revaluation	171,547
Legal expense	93,000
Planning and zoning	117,633
General government building maintenance	197,939
Community development	209,466
Economic development	5,100
Other general government	868,775
Police	2,538,365
Ambulance	303,168
Fire	2,044,672
Communications	237,619
Code enforcement	158,346
Emergency management	9,628
Fire protection area	45,000
Highways and streets	1,620,785
Equipment maintenance	261,779
Public works administration	143,167
Solid waste disposal	408,449
Sewer	2,286,637
Public health	72,495
Welfare administration and direct assistance	73,663
Parks and recreation	512,026
Library	707,820
Patriotic purposes	9,000
Cable television	32,565
Conservation	14,539
Principal - long-term bonds and lease obligations	1,356,941
Interest - long-term bonds and lease obligations	491,867
Interest - tax anticipation notes	5,000
Central Fire Station improvements	598,000
Other capital outlay	599,620
Transfer to capital reserve funds	594,100
Total appropriations	16,810,015

Estimated Revenues

Timber yield taxes	13,000
Current use change tax	50,000
Other taxes	79,865
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	250,450
Motor vehicle permit fees	2,200,000
Building permits	125,000
Other licenses and permits	119,202
Federal grants	93,764
State shared revenue	618,135
State meals and rooms tax distribution	247,828
State highway block grant	355,468
State water pollution grants	124,729
Other state grants	5,034
Charges for services	4,559,220
Sale of municipal property	152,000
Interest on deposits and investments	603,300
Payments in lieu of taxes	4,000
Trust funds	3,000
General Fund fund balance	598,000
Other sources	28,558
Total estimated revenues	10,230,553

Property Tax Assessed

Total appropriations	16,810,015
Total estimated revenues	10,230,553
Net municipal appropriations	6,579,462
Tax overlay	536,647
War service tax credits	165,200
Net municipal assessment	7,281,309
Net school assessment	25,853,465
Net county assessment	2,555,011
Property tax to be raised	35,689,785
Divided by net assessed valuation (1,000's)	1,148,689.607
Property tax rate	31.07

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED TO APPROPRIATIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

GENERAL FUND	Encumbrances July 1, 1996	Approved Budget	Additional Appropriations	Total Authorized	Expenditures	Encumbrances June 30, 1997	Carryovers June 30, 1997	Total Commitments	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government	28,810	720,195	35,362	784,367	756,616	3,479	29,535	789,630	(5,263)
Assessing	1,872	156,077	0	157,949	150,395	2,265	0	152,660	5,289
Fire	3,033	2,148,792	13,750	2,165,575	2,029,934	35,223	2,750	2,067,907	97,668
Police	6,474	2,556,009	4,524	2,567,007	2,572,716	0	1,948	2,574,664	(7,657)
Communications	0	230,326	0	230,326	222,719	0	0	222,719	7,607
Ambulance	0	291,420	0	291,420	278,720	750	0	279,470	11,950
Public Works Administration	4,620	235,159	0	239,779	250,028	0	0	250,028	(10,249)
Highway	6,412	1,933,276	0	1,939,688	1,841,983	81,212	0	1,923,195	16,493
Planning and Zoning	0	130,514	0	130,514	105,402	5,119	0	110,521	19,993
Parks and Recreation	0	595,467	16,500	611,967	606,404	56	0	606,460	5,507
Library	22,805	971,301	0	994,106	690,680	318,266	0	1,008,946	(14,840)
Equipment Maintenance	613	227,713	0	228,326	237,539	423	0	237,962	(9,636)
Building Maintenance	43,194	225,340	0	268,534	244,864	20,187	0	265,051	3,483
Community Development	0	237,138	0	237,138	239,879	0	0	239,879	(2,741)
Code Enforcement	0	203,514	2,300	205,814	209,670	2,746	0	212,416	(6,602)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	0	248,729	0	248,729	231,335	384	0	231,719	17,010
Welfare	0	125,000	900	125,900	59,369	0	514	59,883	66,017
Debt Service	0	1,073,856	0	1,073,856	1,058,455	0	0	1,058,455	15,401
Total General Fund	117,833	12,309,826	73,336	12,500,995	11,786,708	470,110	34,747	12,291,565	209,430

	Encumbrances July 1, 1996	Approved Budget	Additional Appropriations	Total Authorized	Expenditures	Encumbrances June 30, 1997	Carryovers June 30, 1997	Total Commitments	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
SEWER FUND									
Sewer	27,279	2,109,046	250,000	2,386,325	1,970,602	36,344	230,999	2,237,945	148,380
Compost	3,261	446,478	0	449,739	417,042	21,189	0	438,231	11,508
Debt Service	0	785,476	0	785,476	785,477	0	0	785,477	(1)
Total	30,540	3,341,000	250,000	3,621,540	3,173,121	57,533	230,999	3,461,653	159,887
FIRE PROTECTION AREA FUND									
Hydrant Rentals	0	43,300	0	43,300	42,427	0	0	42,427	873
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND									
Solid Waste Disposal	15,818	542,950	0	558,768	525,601	19,291	0	544,892	13,876
Debt Service	0	64,067	0	64,067	64,067	0	0	64,067	0
Total	15,818	607,017	0	622,835	589,668	19,291	0	608,959	13,876
CABLE TV FUND									
Cable Television	0	28,500	0	28,500	12,436	8,995	0	21,431	7,069
DARE FUND									
DARE	0	6,006	0	6,006	9,199	0	0	9,199	(3,193)
HERITAGE TRAIL FUND									
Heritage Trail	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
NATICOOK DAY CAMP FUND									
Wasserman Park Improvements	0	17,560	0	17,560	7,700	0	0	7,700	9,860
LIBRARY FUND									
Library	0	19,300	0	19,300	22,319	0	0	22,319	(3,019)
GRAND TOTALS	164,191	16,375,509	323,336	16,863,036	15,643,578	555,929	265,746	16,465,253	397,783

STATEMENT OF ACTUAL REVENUES COMPARED TO ESTIMATED REVENUES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	Encumbrances July 1, 1996	Revenue Budget	RSA 31:95-b Grants	Adjusted Budget	Actual Revenues	Encumbrances and Carryovers	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
GENERAL FUND							
Property tax	0	7,735,650	0	7,735,650	7,752,200	0	16,550
Cable television franchise tax	0	35,417	0	35,417	53,652	0	18,235
Payments in lieu of tax	0	308,115	0	308,115	312,149	0	4,034
Current use tax	0	50,000	0	50,000	168,736	0	118,736
Other taxes	0	16,000	0	16,000	14,839	0	(1,161)
Interest on delinquent taxes	0	275,050	0	275,050	363,051	0	88,001
Tax overlay	0	(871,809)	0	(871,809)	(341,681)	0	530,128
State revenue sharing	0	804,132	0	804,132	804,117	0	(15)
Highway block grant	0	305,716	0	305,716	337,204	0	31,488
COPS Fast grants	0	58,000	0	58,000	54,202	0	(3,798)
Drug Task Force grant	0	43,000	0	43,000	41,046	0	(1,954)
Federal Drug Act forfeitures	0	20,000	0	20,000	14,396	0	(5,604)
Other intergovernmental revenues	0	5,737	5,914	11,651	13,038	2,750	4,137
Building permits	0	92,000	0	92,000	211,978	0	119,978
Auto registrations	0	1,900,000	0	1,900,000	2,518,803	0	618,803
State auto registration agent fees	0	45,000	0	45,000	48,805	0	3,805
Other licenses and permits	0	59,918	0	59,918	77,802	0	17,884
Ambulance fees	0	155,000	0	155,000	208,697	0	53,697
Police traffic details	0	89,831	0	89,831	148,732	0	58,901
Adminstrative cost allocation to Sewer Fund	0	165,904	0	165,904	165,904	0	0
Equipment Maintenance cost allocation to Solid Waste Disposal Fund	0	26,029	0	26,029	26,029	0	0
Day Camp registrations	0	90,744	0	90,744	105,867	0	15,123
Other charges for service	0	74,970	0	74,970	100,892	0	25,922
Interest on deposits and investments	0	400,000	0	400,000	596,026	0	196,026
250th Anniversary Celebration donations	24,850	0	35,362	60,212	30,290	29,922	0
Insurance premium rebates	0	175,000	0	175,000	250,819	0	75,819
Sales of property and equipment	0	50,000	0	50,000	29,889	0	(20,111)
Building rentals	0	31,777	0	31,777	35,774	0	3,997
Transfer from other funds	0	21,900	0	21,900	0	0	(21,900)
Other miscellaneous revenues	0	46,745	32,060	78,805	99,895	2,462	23,552
Total General Fund	24,850	12,209,826	73,336	12,308,012	14,243,151	35,134	1,970,273
SEWER FUND							
Intergovernment revenues	0	127,922	0	127,922	127,922	0	0
Sewer rents – residential	0	540,000	0	540,000	552,935	0	12,935
Sewer rents – commercial	0	173,400	0	173,400	187,692	0	14,292
Sewer rents – industrial	0	2,232,935	0	2,232,935	2,509,281	0	276,346
Compost sales		40,000	0	40,000	89,688	0	49,688
Contractual sludge composting	0	253,291	0	253,291	320,599	0	67,308
Other charges for service	0	11,870	0	11,870	27,206	0	15,336
Private grants	0	0	250,000	250,000	18,645	230,999	(356)
Interest on deposits and investments	0	10,000	0	10,000	38,086	0	28,086
Other miscellaneous revenues	0	500	0	500	7,044	0	6,544
Total	0	3,389,918	250,000	3,639,918	3,879,098	230,999	470,179

	Encumbrances July 1, 1995	Revenue Budget	RSA 31:95-b Grants	Adjusted Budget	Actual Revenues	Encumbrances and Carryovers	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
FIRE PROTECTION AREA FUND							
Hydrant Rentals	0	36,900	0	36,900	37,303	0	403
Other revenues	0	1,400	0	1,400	1,633	0	233
Total	0	38,300	0	38,300	38,936	0	636
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND							
Property tax	0	135,017	0	135,017	135,017	0	0
Sale of recycled materials	0	40,000	0	40,000	25,439	0	(14,561)
Dump fees	0	425,000	0	425,000	474,057	0	49,057
Other revenues	0	7,000	0	7,000	16,365	0	9,365
Total	0	607,017	0	607,017	650,878	0	43,861
CABLE TV FUND							
Cable television franchise tax	0	27,800	0	27,800	28,500	0	700
Interest on deposits and investments	0	700	0	700	718	0	18
Total	0	28,500	0	28,500	29,218	0	718
DARE FUND							
Private grants	0	5,706	0	5,706	6,571	0	865
Interest on deposits and investments	0	300	0	300	191	0	(109)
Total	0	6,006	0	6,006	6,762	0	756
HERITAGE TRAIL FUND							
Private grants	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	(3,000)
Interest on deposits and investments	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Total	0	3,000	0	3,000	12	0	(2,988)
NATICOOK DAY CAMP FUND							
Interest on deposits and investments	0	200	0	200	877	0	677
LIBRARY FUND							
Charges for service	0	16,600	0	16,600	21,300	0	4,700
Other revenues	0	2,700	0	2,700	7,522	0	4,822
Total	0	19,300	0	19,300	28,822	0	9,522
TOTAL REVENUE	24,850	16,302,067	323,336	16,650,253	18,877,754	266,133	2,493,634
FROM (TO) FUND BALANCE/SURPLUS	139,341	73,442	0	212,783	(3,234,176)	555,542	2,891,417
GRAND TOTAL	164,191	16,375,509	323,336	16,863,036	15,643,578	821,675	397,783

TAX RATE HISTORY

Year	School	Municipal	County	Total
1997 C	22.19	6.68	2.20	31.07
1996	22.09	7.70	2.37	32.16
1995 B	21.44	7.87	2.50	31.81
1994	19.83	8.67	2.39	30.89
1993 A	18.98	7.44	2.39	28.81
1992	12.61	4.22	1.61	18.44
1991	12.71	4.14	1.59	18.44
1990	11.24	4.15	1.54	16.93
1989 B	11.46	4.16	1.37	16.99
1988	27.63	8.61	2.39	38.63
1987	23.77	7.42	2.99	34.18
1986	22.92	6.59	2.14	31.65
1985	22.19	5.61	2.05	29.85
1984	21.83	5.35	1.97	29.15
1983	21.10	6.39	1.99	29.48
1982	19.90	6.70	1.60	28.20
1981	20.90	6.70	1.40	29.00
1980	19.00	6.20	1.30	26.50
1979	16.90	6.40	1.20	24.50

A - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction
B - Reflects property revaluation
C - Includes $.50 supplemental School assessment

1997 Annual Report Of The

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Submitted by Diane Pollock
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

1997 was a busy year at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. An improving economy and continued growth in town were factors contributing to increased revenues and strong collections of property taxes. Signs of an improving economy and increased growth were not only reflected in revenue reports, they were also reflected in the return of long lines at the counter, the delay in turn around time for mail-in programs, and the struggle to keep up with day to day duties. These factors have resulted in the need to add an additional person to our staff to provide better service to the public.

During fiscal year 1997 26,905 municipal registration permits were issued. This represents an increase over fiscal year 1996 of approximately 1500 transactions and $330,004.00 in revenue. State laws governing dog licensing also continue to keep the department busy. A record 2680 dogs were licensed in 1997.

1997 saw the implementation of the Official Ballot bill, or SB2 as it is more commonly referred to, and our first SB2 election. SB2 changed our town meeting date from May to April, and in 1998 it will change once again to a March date. All in all, things went smoothly for a first time, considering the various changes from our traditional town meeting, and many inconsistencies and unknowns with the laws.

Policies, procedures, and laws affecting our jobs change very rapidly in this line of business, and it is important that the staff be as knowledgeable as possible to carry out the duties associated with our jobs. During 1997 education continued to be an important aspect for the department. I completed my second year of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector certification program and all staff members attended various training and educational seminars. Some programs were designed to aide in performing the duties associated with our positions and others were designed to reinforce and improve upon our customer relations and service.

In June the department changed its office hours in an effort to better serve the public and the staff. The office continues to have extended hours on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Instead of the 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM hours, the new hours on those days are 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. This change in hours allows for an additional half hour of availability to the public and is designed to be more convenient for our customers. With this change you now have an opportunity to stop by town hall to conduct business on your way home instead of having to go back out at a later time. With the move of the Police Department, this change in hours is beneficial to the staff as an added safety feature.

In September the department welcomed Janet Killpartrick to our "team". Janet is known by many in the community. She is a long time resident and has held customer service

oriented positions in the Merrimack area. Janet replaced long-time employee Sandra Degnan who left the office to take a position in the Finance Department.

In November our new computer system upgrade was implemented. The support staff at Business Data Solutions worked closely with me to insure that the office was only closed to the public for one day. With a project this large, it was quite an undertaking for them. There was a lot of planning and many long hours during the days before the conversion which resulted in a smooth conversion, and the office being open and running on schedule. So far the new system has been great!! It is a much faster system which allows us to wait on customers and access information in a more timely manner.

It is usually relatively quite after the December tax period through the holidays. This year was the exception as the supplemental tax billing kept this office extremely busy. We went from one tax billing cycle to the next. The staff, including our part-timers, have done a tremendous job of handling the extra work load associated with this billing and trying to juggle their other duties.

December, the close of the year, and thoughts of what the next will bring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the department, Linda Hall, Jeanne Reed, Sharon Chase, Janet Killpartrick, and our part-timers Ruth Liberty and Donna Rothhaus, for their dedication and hard work during the year that makes the operation of the department successful. I would also like to thank the people of Merrimack for their continued support.

<u>Town Clerk/Tax Collector Staff</u>
Diane Pollock, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Linda Hall, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Sharon Chase, Account Clerk II
Janet Killpartrick, Account Clerk II
Jeanne Reed, Account Clerk II

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 1997

COLLECTIONS

Auto Registrations	$2,521,081.50
Bad Check Handling Fee	2,195.00
Certified Copies	1,848.00
Civil Forfeitures	940.00
Dog Licenses	20,849.50
Marriage Licenses	6,760.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,631.55
Cash Over	77.85
Parking Fines	415.00
Cash Short	(148.35)
Title Applications	10,441.00
Town Agent Fee	48,805.00
U.C.C. Filings	10,669.89
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	**$2,625,565.44**
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	**$2,625,565.44**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Pollock,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended: June 30, 1997

TOWN OF MERRIMACK	----------Levies of----------		
	1997	1996	Prior
Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		5,199,891.40	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			7,527.00
Sewer Rents		65,302.82	
Hydrant Tax		5,992.00	
Commercial Sewer		5,332.80	14,609.68
In Lieu of Taxes		154,464.00	
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	18,346,188.00	17,786,375.00	
Land Use Change Tax		172,832.00	
Yield Taxes		7,277.00	
Sewer Rent	279,099.82	275,437.11	
Hydrant Taxes	20,719.00	16,057.00	
Commercial Sewer	16,525.71	168,415.94	
In Lieu of Taxes	2,400.00	157,685.00	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes			
Sewer Rents			
Jeopardy Assessment		473.92	
Hydrant Rents			
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	22,736.77	47,809.26	
a/c Land Use Change Tax		23.82	
a/c Sewer Rents	1,005.00	1,340.00	
a/c Commercial Sewer			
a/c Hydrant Tax	24.00	28.00	
a/c In Lieu of Taxes		106.00	
Adjust Prior Year/Sewer			
Adjust Prior Year/Property			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	6.02	110,767.46	1,152.03
Penalties Collected on			
Property Taxes		9,271.00	
Other Taxes		458.50	1,201.00
December Property Tax Prepayment			
Total Debits	18,688,730.32	24,185,340.03	30,566.71

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended: June 30, 1997

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH	Levies of 1997	1996	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	14,026,423.39	22,337,126.10	
Land Use Changes Tax		90,467.95	
Yield Taxes		4,633.35	6,336.03
Sewer Rents	229,632.97	333,783.08	
Hydrant Tax	16,267.00	21,945.00	
Commercial Sewer	6,927.42	151,831.56	6,700.29
In Lieu of Taxes		312,255.00	
Interest on Taxes	6.02	110,684.00	1,152.03
Penalties on Taxes		9,729.50	1,201.00
Jeopardy Assessment		473.92	
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	28,238.00	79,872.70	
Yield Taxes		1,285.00	790.00
Sewer Rents	268.00	301.51	
Hydrant Tax		3.00	
Commercial Sewer		914.19	2,179.31
Land Use Change Tax			
Tax Liens Executed:		625,284.66	12,208.05
Deeded to Town During Year:		965.28	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	4,314,289.38		
Land Use Change Tax		82,387.87	
Yield Taxes		1,358.65	
Sewer Rents	50,203.85		
Hydrant Taxes	4,476.00		
Commercial Sewer	9,598.29	20,037.71	
In Lieu of Taxes	2,400.00		
Total Credits	18,688,730.32	24,185,340.03	30,566.71

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended: June, 30 1997

	Levies of 1996	Levies of 1995	Levies of Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Of Fiscal Year:		894,525.33	715,137.12
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:	679,570.02	13,491.58	
Overpayments:	8.74		
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution:	898.06	43,150.47	189,842.88
Redemption Cost:	43.00	4,987.38	6,652.21
Total Debits:	680,519.82	956,154.76	911,832.21
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions:	79,155.99	536,461.45	634,762.22
Interest and Cost After Sale:	941.06	48,137.85	196,495.09
Abatements During Year:		2,363.08	27,810.11
Deeded to Town During Year:	31,195.46	33,504.45	51,991.34
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year:	569,227.31	335,687.93	773.45
Total Credits:	680,519.82	956,154.76	911,832.21

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Pollock,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
DECEMBER 1996				
16	JEFFREY T. CORKEN	MERRIMACK	DELPHINA C. HENLEY	KEENE
JANUARY 1997				
1	STEVE ROY	CANADA	VIRGINIA C. FORD	MERRIMACK
2	SHAWN A. QUINN	CHESTER	CAROLLEE M. HOLBROOK	MERRIMACK
10	GREGORY J. STONE	MERRIMACK	JENNY L. CLARK	MORRISVILLE, VT
11	WILLIAM J. CUMMINGS	MERRIMACK	EMILY C. OTTERMAN	MERRIMACK
16	CHRISTOPHER G. MCMAHON	MERRIMACK	ANN W. NAHILL	LOWELL, MA
16	BONNARD F. FAGE	HINGHAM, MA	PATRICIA A. WARD	MERRIMACK
18	MATHEW R. GEORGE	BALTIC, CT	ERIN L. DELUDE	BALTIC, CT
FEBRUARY				
8	SCOTT W. NYBLOM	MERRIMACK	GARIANNE D. LEWIS	MERRIMACK
14	ROBERT A. SUNDSTROM	MERRIMACK	DEBRA M. LONGCHAMP	MERRIMACK
14	SEAN K. KILBRETH	MERRIMACK	KRISTEN L. KOLB	MERRIMACK
15	ROBERT H. MILLIGAN	MERRIMACK	BARBARA E. PRENTISS	MERRIMACK
15	SCOTT N. BOURGOIN	MERRIMACK	DONNA L. MARTEL	MERRIMACK
15	HENRY J. NIZKO	MERRIMACK	SHARON A. RIPALDI	MERRIMACK
15	DALE R. SMITH	MERRIMACK	TINA R. D'AMBROSIA	MERRIMACK
22	MARK J. MCKELLIGAN	MERRIMACK	TRACY J. PERRY	MERRIMACK
22	DAVID A. VERNEY	MERRIMACK	HEATHER A. COURTOIS	MERRIMACK
28	RICHARD L. BUCHANAN	MERRIMACK	LESLIE A. K. THOMPSEN	SALEM
MARCH				
1	DONALD R. HOOVER JR.	MERRIMACK	MELANIE M. ROUSSEL	MANCHESTER
2	RICHARD R. DESHAIES	MERRIMACK	HELEN MELLETT	BROOKLYN, NY
8	EDWARD J. GUERTIN	MERRIMACK	KATHY E. DOUCE	AYER, MA

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
APRIL				
5	JOHN J. BARGER	MERRIMACK	THERESA M. PIETRAVALLE	NASHUA
5	STEVE L. MILLS	MERRIMACK	LINDA J. BOLDUC	MERRIMACK
5	THOMAS F. CAHILL	MERRIMACK	ROXANNE HOLMES	MERRIMACK
19	PAUL M. KELLY	MERRIMACK	KRISTIN A. COURTEMANCHE	MERRIMACK
19	MICHAEL J. RIZZO	MERRIMACK	CAMAY HEH	MERRIMACK
19	DAVID R. CHESNULEVICH	MERRIMACK	CYNTHIA M. DENT	MERRIMACK
19	WILLIAM J. RUSSELL	MERRIMACK	TRACY A. GITSCHIER	MERRIMACK
25	JOEL T. BEDELL	MERRIMACK	ANN L. M. KEOUGH	MERRIMACK
26	PETER F. MANHARDT	MERRIMACK	JO-ELLEN SARGENT	MERRIMACK
MAY				
2	DUANE F. ELLIS	NASHUA	ZANETA R. BRASWELL	MERRIMACK
2	JEFFREY D. HALKO	MERRIMACK	STEPHANIE STEMPORZEWSKI	MERRIMACK
3	JEFFREY W. MAGDZIASZ	BEDFORD	PAMELA A. SERRAS	MERRIMACK
3	WAYNE E. BRYANT	MERRIMACK	TRACY L. FREDRICKSON	MERRIMACK
3	MICHAEL T. WINSTON	MERRIMACK	KELLIE A. GABRIEL	IPSWICH, MA
10	RONALD L. PUCHALSKI	MERRIMACK	LINDA M. GERKE	MERRIMACK
10	GEORGE KALAMPALIKIS	MERRIMACK	ANGELA M. KARAVASILIS	MERRIMACK
15	DAVID KERR	CONCORD, MA	MADELEINE K. DUGAS	MERRIMACK
17	WILLIAM C. VICKERY	MERRIMACK	AMY D. MARKOWSKI	MERRIMACK
17	JOHN P. TISDELL	MERRIMACK	DARLENE T. BENGYAK	MERRIMACK
24	ROLAND J. STONE JR	MERRIMACK	KRISTIE A. EDGAR	MERRIMACK
24	MICHAEL J. MURPHY	MERRIMACK	HELEN C. GELINAS	MERRIMACK
24	GEORGE T. LLOYD	MERRIMACK	MICHELE A. OSBORN	MERRIMACK
24	RICHARD L. LACOUNT	MERRIMACK	KIMBERLY J. LUSSIER	MERRIMACK
30	RICHARD A. RODENHISER	MERRIMACK	BOZENA E. NAWROT	LAWRENCE, MA
30	GARY HOWE	MERRIMACK	CYNTHIA M. BELL	MERRIMACK
31	DAVID A. CIARLA	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. WHEELOCK	MERRIMACK
31	THOMAS R. ADAMS	MERRIMACK	KATHRYN R. MEHLHORN	MERRIMACK
31	KEITH E. NANGLE	MERRIMACK	KRISTINA L. BUBBLE	MERRIMACK

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
JUNE				
1	SCOTT P. MURPHY	MERRIMACK	PATRICIA L. PERKINS	MERRIMACK
2	WILLIAM D. WALTERS JR	NASHUA	MICHELLE R. BARAW	MERRIMACK
7	MARC E. GOODSPEED	MERRIMACK	NANCY M. JOLIN	MERRIMACK
7	MICHAEL C. JOHNSON	MERRIMACK	MELISSA D. FORCIER	MERRIMACK
7	TONG-BLIA MOUA	MERRIMACK	YER YANG	PROVIDENCE, RI
14	JAY K. WALKER	MERRIMACK	DONNA M. MILLINGTON	MERRIMACK
14	MICHAEL G. GRAHAM	MERRIMACK	CHRISTEL A. SHERIDAN	MERRIMACK
14	DONALD E. DOUCETTE	MERRIMACK	ANNETTE Y. BUCHOLZ	MERRIMACK
20	ANDREW T. ROSS	PEPPERELL, MA	PATRICIA A. ROSS	PEPPERELL, MA
21	DONALD W. HILDEBRANDT	MERRIMACK	LINDA K. STICE	MERRIMACK
21	PAUL D. HALLOCK	MERRIMACK	PAULA F. SCHWARTZ	MERRIMACK
21	PATRICK J. GOODRIDGE	MERRIMACK	BOBBIE A. MORGAN	MERRIMACK
21	MICHAEL A. FACQUES	MERRIMACK	CARA P. NOLAN	MERRIMACK
28	MICHAEL A. GAUDREAULT	MANCHESTER	CYNTHIA A. RAYMOND	MERRIMACK
28	CHARLES W. CLEMENT JR	MERRIMACK	HEATHER J. GRIMOLIZZI	MERRIMACK
JULY				
4	STEPHEN M. THYNG	FARMINGTON	JESSICA M. DEVARIE	MERRIMACK
5	ANDRES M. PENA	MERRIMACK	ERIN M. O'NEIL	MERRIMACK
5	DOUGLAS M. REARDON	MERRIMACK	SHEILA C. LACEY	MERRIMACK
5	THOMAS F. THORNTON	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. SCHUHMACHER	MERRIMACK
6	ERIC J. BARTON	MERRIMACK	CRYSTAL A. GRAHAM	ALLENSTOWN
11	DAVID J. SPURRELL	NASHUA	JANE E. OUELLETTE	MERRIMACK
12	PAUL J. HASENFUSS	MERRIMACK	PAMELA L. SMITH	MERRIMACK
12	BRIAN A. CLEMENTS	MERRIMACK	CAROLINE P. PICCOLO	MERRIMACK
19	ROBERT M. PONTBRIAND	MERRIMACK	MICHELE L. ROBINSON	MERRIMACK
19	DAVID M. GORGOGLIONE	MERRIMACK	ANNETTE B. CUSSON	MERRIMACK
19	LAWRENCE AUGUSTUS	MERRIMACK	CLAIRE E. MCANDREW	CHELMSFORD, MA
26	JOHN F. EGAN, JR	MERRIMACK	MARGO E. HOLDER	MERRIMACK
26	QUINTON W. BURTON	UXBRIDGE, MA	LYNNE M. ARNOLD	UXBRIDGE, MA
26	ALAN P. SOUCY	MERRIMACK	CONNIE J. DAVIS	MERRIMACK
26	BRIAN DEYOUNG	MERRIMACK	DEBBIE A. MCMAHON	MERRIMACK

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
JULY				
26	SHAWN M. O'KEEFE	MERRIMACK	WENDY A. POIRIER	MERRIMACK
27	CURT R. PAYNE	MERRIMACK	HEATHER M. CARBONI	MERRIMACK
AUGUST				
2	KEVIN D. KING	MERRIMACK	DENISE M. FISH	MERRIMACK
2	JON P. DEYO	MERRIMACK	CHRISTINE LABRANCHE	MERRIMACK
9	SCOT C. W. HARDY	MANCHESTER	JENNA C. COAKLEY	MERRIMACK
9	EDWARD P. COX JR	MERRIMACK	MAUREEN MARSHALL	BRADFORD, MA
9	MARC J. LEVASSEUR	MERRIMACK	JULIE A. SLOAN-SMITH	MERRIMACK
15	MICHAEL D. CARIGNAN	MERRIMACK	AIMEE C. CAPICCHIONI	MERRIMACK
16	MATTHEW T. ARNOLD	MERRIMACK	KELLIE C. MAIER	MERRIMACK
16	JACK L. DENVER	MERRIMACK	DONNA L. DILLON	MERRIMACK
16	JEAN W. VALERUS, JR	LINWOOD, MA	JENNIFER J. GEARY	MERRIMACK
17	CHRISTOPHER T. CIOFRONE	HOLLIS	VICKI A. WILLIAMS	MERRIMACK
22	ERIK M. GAGNON	MERRIMACK	HILLARY J. PERKINS	MERRIMACK
22	RICHARD R. LEMAY	MERRIMACK	DIANE B. SAVAGEAU	MANCHESTER
22	TIMOTHY J. WHITAKER	MERRIMACK	CHRISTINA M. VAN BEAVER	MERRIMACK
23	THOMAS L. BAYLIS	MERRIMACK	LORRAINE COX	MERRIMACK
30	NATHANIEL C. SAVOY	MERRIMACK	SHARON L. PALKOVICH	MERRIMACK
30	STEVEN N. MCDANIEL	MERRIMACK	KATHLEEN M. GOODE	NASHUA
30	JAMES C. CARMICHAEL	MERRIMACK	MARJORIE A. MITCHELL	MERRIMACK
30	GARY L. READ	MERRIMACK	DIANE M. WALLIN	MERRIMACK
30	ROLAND A. ROBERGE	MERRIMACK	PAMELA J. SKOVIRA	MERRIMACK
30	JOHN C. STRANG	MERRIMACK	SHERRIE L. BABICH	MERRIMACK
31	JON B. WANDELL	MERRIMACK	SUSAN A. BEHLMER	MERRIMACK
31	LUIS QUINONES	MANCHESTER	JESSICA A. STYLES	MERRIMACK
SEPTEMBER				
10	JEREMY A. DAVIDSON	MERRIMACK	SHELLY M. ARPIN	MERRIMACK
11	BRIAN M. DANLEY	MERRIMACK	CYNTHIA P. KNIGHT	MERRIMACK
13	STEFAN D. TOTH	MERRIMACK	NICOLE D. ROY	MERRIMACK

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DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
SEPTEMBER				
13	SCOTT E. SHAMEL	MERRIMACK	SHEILA M. RYAN	MERRIMACK
13	WILLIAM D. MACLEOD JR	MERRIMACK	LISA M. BOUTIN	MERRIMACK
14	VINCENT P. KELLY JR.	NASHUA	JULIE E. PARKIN	
19	DEREK A MACDERMOTT	ARLINGTON, MA	KRISTINE SORRENTINO	ARLINGTON, MA
20	RICHARD J. GAGNON	MANCHESTER	LUCILLE I. LEDUC	MERRIMACK
20	MICHAEL J. KENDRA	BILLERICA, MA	KAREN COLLENDER	MERRIMACK
20	ARTHUR M. GELINAS	MERRIMACK	SUZANNE M. KOMADA	MERRIMACK
20	PATRICK K. MURPHY JR	MERRIMACK	DEBORAH A. WILDS	MERRIMACK
21	TIMOTHY HENDRIKS	NORTHBORO, MA	ALLYSON C. RICHARDSON	NORTHBORO, MA
21	KEVIN J. MARTINELLI	MERRIMACK	SUSAN F. LARIVIERE	MERRIMACK
26	JAMES H. LAMBERT	MERRIMACK	DONNA L. DESFOSSES	MERRIMACK
26	ROBERT D. MCGRATH	AUBURN	LISA A. GOUDREAU	MERRIMACK
27	ROBERT F. KELSEY JR	MERRIMACK	DORETTA M. ROGERS	MERRIMACK
27	MARC R. BELAND	MANCHESTER	SHARON A. LORANGER	MERRIMACK
27	MICHAEL P. PEDERSEN	MERRIMACK	DEBRA A. COTTON	MERRIMACK
27	JOSEPH A. MCNAMARA	MERRIMACK	JOHANNAH D. KAUFMAN	MERRIMACK
OCTOBER				
3	ANTHONY M. RODRIGUES	MERRIMACK	LORI-ANNE RUOTOLO	MERRIMACK
4	JON H. DEMANCHE	MERRIMACK	TAMMY L. WELCH	MERRIMACK
4	TIMOTHY J. KITCHENS	HENNIKER	ROSEMARIE KITCHENS	MERRIMACK
4	DANIEL D. SWEET	DERRY	LISA M. WASIEJKO	MERRIMACK
4	STEPHEN K. JEWETT	MERRIMACK	ELIZABETH M. ROMKEY	NASHUA
9	JACK W. HAM	MERRIMACK	CATHERINE J. RECORD	MERRIMACK
11	JOHN L. JENNESS II	MERRIMACK	MELISSA L. BAILEY	MERRIMACK
11	JEFFREY R. GAUMONT	MERRIMACK	KIM S. BROWN	MERRIMACK
11	DANIEL T. HUGHES, JR	MERRIMACK	STEPHANIE A. PRAY	MANCHESTER
12	JASON T. GOLDEN	MERRIMACK	EMILY M. KELLEY	MERRIMACK
12	MICHAEL J. CROCCO	MERRIMACK	CAROLYN M. MCDONOUGH	NASHUA
13	JOSEPH M. BADE	MERRIMACK	AURELIA STANCIU	MANCHESTER
18	KEITH B. HILL	MERRIMACK	JODIE L. GAUDETTE	MERRIMACK
18	DANIEL A. LAPIERRE	MERRIMACK	MICHELE L. CRONIN	MANCHESTER
18	E. ZENAS PAULSON	MANCHESTER	CHERYL L. ENIS	MERRIMACK

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OCTOBER				
18	REGIS J. ANDREWS	MERRIMACK	TAMI S. TART	HOOKSETT
18	CARLOS A. S. BOLIEIRO	ALLENSTOWN	MARY L. PIQUETTE	MERRIMACK
18	WILLIAM H. GILMORE JR	MERRIMACK	REINA E. KOISTINEN	MERRIMACK
19	MICHAEL J. GULDENSTERN	MERRIMACK	AMIE J. FLEMING	TAUNTON, MA
24	JOHN G. QUINTAL	MERRIMACK	KRISTINE M. AINSWORTH	MERRIMACK
25	JAMES B. MILLER	MANCHESTER	CATHERINE M. O'CONNOR	MANCHESTER
25	KEITH A. LEGGETT	MERRIMACK	KRISTAN M. JOHNSON	MERRIMACK
25	PATRICK J. RICHARD	MERRIMACK	LISA A. LEWIS	MANCHESTER
31	DUSTIN M. MUZEROLL	MERRIMACK	ALISHA D. HARRISON	MERRIMACK
NOVEMBER				
1	KENNETH P. BIENSTOCK	MERRIMACK	JOANNE R. CHARNESS	NEWTON, MA
2	DONALD R. FOURNIER	MERRIMACK	ANNE N. GONTARZ	MERRIMACK
8	DAVID R. SKETCHLEY	GOFFSTOWN	KATHY E. QUICK	MERRIMACK
8	ROBERT P. CHARLES	MERRIMACK	LISA ST. LAURENT	MERRIMACK
15	DWIGHT A. STEVENS	MERRIMACK	SUZETTE J. JACQUES	MERRIMACK
16	RUSSELL T. HOLMES	MERRIMACK	TATIANA V. ASTRAKHANTSEVA	MERRIMACK
22	JOHN P. O'NEILL JR	MERRIMACK	DAWN M. TROSO	MERRIMACK
23	MARK W. BOEGEL	MERRIMACK	LINDA M. OUELLET	MERRIMACK
29	CHRISTOPHER D. CZEPYHA	WARWICK, RI	RACHAEL A. MORIN	RIVERSIDE, RI
29	ROLAND F. COSSETTE III	MERRIMACK	KIMBERLY D. SMITH	MERRIMACK
DECEMBER				
3	JAMES H. NICHOLS	MERRIMACK	TABITHA A. LITTEER	MERRIMACK
5	DAVID A. THERIAULT	MERRIMACK	AMY L. NICOSON	MERRIMACK
5	JOHN B. NYE	MERRIMACK	REBECCA E. MORIN	NASHUA
31	J. RONALD MURDOCK	MERRIMACK	CATHERINE M. PARLIN	MERRIMACK

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NOV. 1996.				
28	NASHUA	ELIZABETH MARIE	TIMOTHY D. SKIRKEY	MELANIE H. LIGHT
DEC. 1996				
7	NASHUA	HANNAH ROSE	RICHARD B. SMITH	STEPHANIE L. RADUAZO
11	NASHUA	STEPHAINE ANNE	ROBERT A. SYLVESTER JR.	AMANDA L. CURTIS
11	MANCHESTER	ELIZABETH ANNA	DANIEL S. DILORENZO	PATRICIA M. YOUNG
14	NASHUA	BRIAN ROBERT	JEFFREY M. OUELLETTE	KAREN A. LANE
17	MERRIMACK	ALICIA EMILY	BRIAN D. KANE	MARGARET R. LOTFY
18	NASHUA	JOSEPH LEON	PAUL R. RIVARD	ANNETTE J. BOYER
19	NASHUA	WESLEY VINCENT ALAN	VINCENT E. PERRIER	LYNDA A. M. ROBINSON
23	NASHUA	ERIN MARIE	MATTHEW D. ZANNI	JEAN C. DAMM
26	NASHUA	KELSEY LYNN	ROBERT N. GOLEMO	PAULA C. ST. PIERRE
29	NASHUA	LIAM CHRISTOPHER	CHRISTOPHER J. HEALEY	CAROL A. MCGONAGLE
31	NASHUA	BRADY RUSSELL	BRUCE R. KAPLAN	DENISE M. RUSSELL
JAN. 1997				
3	NASHUA	EVA MARIE	MICHAEL A. FANDOZZI	JEANNE F. GIBNEY
3	NASHUA	JOSEPH JAMES	JAMES S. MARSHALL	LISA A. DUSSAULT
4	NASHUA	MICHAEL WALLACE	WALLACE J. RAYMOND	MARYANN VELIGOR
6	NASHUA	ANDREW ROBERT	GERARD J. SEVIGNY	SHEREE A. SAFFER
6	NASHUA	PIERRE HUBERT	HARRY W. WATT	LUCIE M. DEMONTEVILLE
7	NASHUA	JACQUELYN ELISABETH	MICHAEL W. PETROCELLI	ELISABETH C. SCHUHMACHER
10	MANCHESTER	DUSTAN DEVANEY	FRANK E. DORMAN	DARCIE J. DEVANEY
13	MANCHESTER	STEPHANIE ANN	STEPHEN A. KIMNER	KERRI-LYNN WILLIAMS
14	NASHUA	DECLAN CONNOR	JAMES W. ALLEN JR.	KELLY A. CAMPBELL
14	NASHUA	RYAN SCOTT	KENNETH J. STEVENS	ELIZABETH L. WHOOLEY
20	NASHUA	BENJAMIN JAMES	DANIEL L. LEAVITT	JILL A. BELON
20	NASHUA	ASHLEY CHRISTINA	RICHARD R. MELLO	STACEY A. ASCONE
21	NASHUA	SAMUEL PAIGE	DARRYL A. BENZING	THERESA K. HEMMERLY
21	NASHUA	JULIE ELIZABETH	STEPHEN K. BERBERIAN	SUSAN A. BALIAN
23	NASHUA	ELIZABETH MARIE	JAMES P. BARBERA	CHRISTINA J. LEONARD

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JAN.				
24	NASHUA	ALISON CLAIRE	DANIEL A. POUDRETTE	WANDA A. WHITE
25	NASHUA	MORGAN ELIZABETH	MAURICE R. LUSSIER II	ALICIA M. HENDEE
26	NASHUA	NICHOLAS DAVID	DAVID E. FRANCOEUR	KARIN M. MAROIS
28	NASHUA	HANNAH MARIE	JOSEPH PASCUAL	SUZANNE RING
29	MANCHESTER	SHAWN MICHAEL	DARRON G. PEDDLE	MARIA L. GREEN
30	MANCHESTER	SARAH AMANDA	ROBERT W. SHIELDS	RACHEL T. L'HEUREUX
FEB.				
3	NASHUA	RYAN CHRISTOPHER	CHRISTOPHER E. BALLARD	LISA A. WAGNER
10	NASHUA	GRACE ANNE	JOHN A. MULVEY	RUTH A. GIRARD
10	NASHUA	HOWARD LAUGHTON	HOWARD L. SEVEY JR.	LISA A. MAYNARD
18	NASHUA	DANIELLE CATHERINE	DOMENIC A. D'INTINO	KAREN E. RODWELL
18	NASHUA	IAN THOMAS	THOMAS A. HERRMANN	REBECCA S. ADLER
18	NASHUA	JOHN CHASE	REMO J. MATERKOWSKI	LAUREN L. CHASE
19	MANCHESTER	CONNOR DONAHUE	GRAE H. MACINNIS	STACIE L. DONAHUE
19	MANCHESTER	JOSEPH PETER	JOHN R. CALABRO	JENNIFER M. CLEARY
19	NASHUA	TAYLOR RAVEN	MARK R. DUCKWORTH	MARY E. RAVEN
20	NASHUA	HAYLEE SAMANTHA	JOHN J. BLACK	KRISTEN M. FOWLER
20	NASHUA	JILLIAN NOAH	MARK W. TURNER	MICHELLE A. GRABIEC
21	NASHUA	KYLE JOHN	BRUCE J. LAWSON	ALISON C. EWING
21	NASHUA	MORGAN TAYLOR	RANDALL S. LEBLANC	DYANE N. WHITNEY
21	NASHUA	SARAH ELIZABETH	BRAD M. SHAW	KAREN A. WINN
22	NASHUA	TAYLOR ELIZABETH	MARK J. DAILEANES	NICOLE L. RUSSELL
22	NASHUA	KARLEE JANE	CRAIG E. ERICKSON	PAMELA M. DAIGLE
24	MANCHESTER	ADAM YI	STEWART S. LOR	DEBORAH CHIN
24	NASHUA	CAYLIN CAROL	R. FREDERICK HAYES JR.	BARBARA RILEY
26	MANCHESTER	MIN YONG	HEESUK KIM	JUNGHYUN HWANG
26	MANCHESTER	MEGAN ERIN	PETER H. TEBBENHOFF	KAREN L. O'BRIEN
27	NASHUA	IVANNA CHRISTINA	HUGO L. GUTIERREZ	ADRIANA M. ARCILA
27	NASHUA	KATHRYN GRACE	JASON S. KING	NANCY G. FOULKS
28	NASHUA	THOMAS DAVID	DAVID B. PERKINS	KATHRYN A. AINSWORTH

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MARCH				
3	NASHUA	COLIN JAMES	PAUL C. DORSEY	MARTHA J. RANGER
4	NASHUA	LINDSAY ANNE	FINN DYRVIK	CAROLYN A. EDWINS
8	NASHUA	ERICA MARIE	NORMAN C. DOUCET	SHEILA M. HYAM
8	MANCHESTER	ABIGAIL ALEXA	CHARLES E. SMITH	BRENDA E. WRIGHT
13	LEBANON	KATINA TAMAN	CHARLES H. SMITH JR.	TAMAN CRUSADE
14	MANCHESTER	CHRISTOPHER JOHN	PETER D. CARLSON	CATHERINE M. CAMPBELL
14	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER MARTIN	MARTIN R. POULIN	TRUDY A. WITTS
14	NASHUA	JOHN RICHARD	THOMAS C. PITTEN	KATHRYN R. MCCULLOUGH
14	MANCHESTER	OLIVIA ROSE	FOAD AFSHAR	THERESA M. CHISHOLM
18	MANCHESTER	SHANE BRYSON	BLAINE S. NORMANDEAU	DEANA M. MCINNIS
20	NASHUA	TAYLOR ALEXANDRA	MICHAEL T. HENNAS	MICHELE J. BOUVIER
21	NASHUA	MAEGAN EMILY	KEITH S. HOWE	DENISE S. BOUVIER
22	NASHUA	JEFFREY JOSEPH	JOSEPH M. GENET	LISA M. GENDRON
22	NASHUA	AUSTIN JAMES	JAMES D. KNUST	THEA A. LIBRERO
26	MANCHESTER	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	MICHAEL J. DECHAMBEAU	KIMBERLY A. DEPPEN
27	MANCHESTER	KELLY CHRISTINE	EDWIN L. DOTTERY	ELIZABETH M. BOURNIVAL
30	NASHUA	ANNA ELIZABETH	MATTHEW G. BOUCHER	TRACY A. TAMULEVICH
APRIL				
1	NASHUA	MACKENZIE LAYNE	TODD A. FRIEND	CHERYL A. KAMPAS
1	NASHUA	NICHOLAS BENJAMIN	CHRISTOS A. KLARDIE	DONNA M. GAY
3	NASHUA	SAMUEL ALLEN	KEITH R. OLEWINE	DOROTHY E. COLLINS
4	MANCHESTER	JAMES NICHOLS	JOHN F. DURKIN JR.	JUDITH A. MORALE
6	NASHUA	SHANNON LEE	GERARD P. HEALEY	RONDA KUZNITZ
7	NASHUA	OLIVIA CATHERINE	PETER P. MICHAUD	PAULA CLAVETTE
11	NASHUA	BENJAMIN JOHN	JOHN G. WHEELER	NANCY I. BARRETT
14	NASHUA	TREVOR THAYER	SEAN P. LACEY	SHARI A. FRENCH
14	NASHUA	JONATHAN GERARD	STEPHEN G. DIPIETRO	KELLY L. KOZDRA
14	NASHUA	TYLER DEAN	MICHAEL D. COLE	DAWN L. BARRY
14	NASHUA	HANNAH KATE	TODD R. WHITNEY	JENNIFER A. LYONS
15	NASHUA	OLIVIA KATE	MICHAEL P. HODSDON	LORI A. QUINT
16	NASHUA	GABRIELLE OLIVIA	MARK E. CANTO	CAROLINE A. BULLARD
17	MANCHESTER	ADREANNA JEAN	DALE J. SAVOY	JENNIFER L. PIERCE

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APRIL				
18	NEW LONDON	DANIEL JOSEPH	MARTIN F. LAUGHLIN	DIANE F. TAYLOR
19	NASHUA	HAYLEY DAWN	MICHAEL J. PARROTT	MICHELLE N. GOBEIL
19	NASHUA	CARRIE JANE	GERARDO M. FERNANDEZ	NANCY A. PYNCHON
23	NASHUA	JAMES ANDREW	ANDREW J. GAUDREAU	CHERYL J. MARTIN
24	NASHUA	SHANE MICHAEL	SEAN M. FOYE	KELLY A. HAGERTY
24	MANCHESTER	ERIKA JEAN	MARK A. RIVET	JOAN M. RIVARD
25	NASHUA	CATHERINE NICOLE	CHRISTOPHER A. MONK	KIMBERLY F. MCLEOD
26	NASHUA	RYAN JAMES	RONALD M. ALBERTS	LINDA M. WRIGHT
26	NASHUA	BRENNAN ALEC	KEITH R. LANDRY	JENNIFER A. COTE
28	NASHUA	NICHOLE KATHERINE	MATTHEW J. CURRIER	DEBORAH D. SCHAEFER
30	NASHUA	ASHLEY LYNN	RICHARD A. LANGELIER	CHERYL L. CARTER
MAY				
3	MANCHESTER	CATHERINE REBECCA	JEFFREY A. GREEN	SALLY A. BRECKINRIDGE
6	NASHUA	MORGAN LEE	KERRY D. MARTINAGE	LAURA L. BOUDROT
8	NASHUA	JASON MICHAEL JR	JASON M. HUGH	DANIELLE J. BENGER
8	NASHUA	RENEE MADISON	TIMOTHY J. MURRAY	STACY M. LANDRY
10	NASHUA	THOMAS ALEXANDER	THOMAS W. ROBERTSON	THERESA A. HUFFMAN
12	NASHUA	JOSHUA ROBERT	NOAH G. DUARTE	KATHLENE L. SPADE
12	NASHUA	CHELSEA LEANN	PETER G. CARABELAS	TONI M. MERCIER
12	NASHUA	CONNER BRYANT	RICHARD L. PEARSON JR.	SHAWNA L. CHRISTENSEN
12	NASHUA	TARA MAE	EDWARD D. COMIRE	BETH A. MORRILL
13	MANCHESTER	AIDAN PATRICK	KEVIN P. O'BRIEN	SUE ELLEN DURANT
15	NASHUA	JAMES ALEXANDER	JEFFREY A. LAFOND	JUDI L. ANDERSON
16	NASHUA	KYLE ROBERT HARMON	GLENN E. KAMPPI	KATHLEEN J. KOCARNIK
18	NASHUA	LEANDRE ELIE	ALAIN MAALOUF	LAURIE D. CHATTLEY
18	MANCHESTER	CASSANDRA LAUREN	MICHAEL A. BERGER	SHARON A. MITCHELL
19	NASHUA	DYLAN ALEXANDER	GARY F. BUDD	CATHERINE R. COUTURE
19	NASHUA	JULIA MARIE	JEFFREY C. PATNAUDE	PATRICIA F. O'CONNELL
19	MANCHESTER	SARAH VICTORIA	DAVID J. GAGNON	VICTORIA M. SCHOFIELD
20	NASHUA	SARA JESSICA	KEVIN C. NEARY	ISABEL M. FERREIRA
21	LEBANON	JOSEPH ALLEN	JOSEPH A. MCNAMARA SR.	JOHANNAH D. KAUFMAN
21	NASHUA	CHANDLER CHRISTINE	STEVEN R. MAXWELL	CHRISTINE A. ANCTIL
22	NASHUA	VICTORIA ROSE`	TIMOTHY D. BAMFORD	KRISTIN L. FEDORCHAK
22	NASHUA	SARAH ANNE	SCOTT H. ST. CLAIR	CHRISTIANE SIEBERT
23	NASHUA	AUSTIN BRADLEY	MARK A. BUDA	CHRISTI M. DOVIN

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MAY				
23	NASHUA	JACOB ALEXANDER	MARK A. BUDA	CHRISTI M. DOVIN
23	NASHUA	MEAGAN JORDAN KELLIE	MARK A. BUDA	CHRISTI M. DOVIN
23	NASHUA	HALEY ANN	RICHARD R. SCHALK	JULIA A. SPARKS
23	MANCHESTER	CLAIRE MARGARET LOIS	FRANK W. SMITH	JANET C. A. CAMPBELL
24	NASHUA	TYLER JOSEPH KENNETH	SHAWN K. KIMBALL	AMY E. TEETER
25	MANCHESTER	BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER	CHRISTOPHER M. CRONIN	CYNTHIA M. LEE
26	NASHUA	JAMIE MARIE	STEVEN M. WHEATLEY	ANDREA MESSINA
26	NASHUA	MAKAYLA RACHEL	EDWARD A. MARCHAND	DEBORAH L. CROSS
29	NASHUA	NICHOLAS KEVIN	KEVIN R. BERUBE	DEEANNE L. LAVOIE
30	NASHUA	NICOLE BARBARA	WILLIAM G. KISSEL	DIANE L. PLUMMER
JUNE				
1	NASHUA	JONATHAN WESTON	JOHN R. CAVANAGHKAREN E. HAMM	
1	NASHUA	DREW EMERSON JOSEPH	TIMOTHY J. GOUMAS	HOLLY M. ROBERTS
2	MANCHESTER	DANIEL JEFFREY	H. JEFFREY MULLIGAN	JUDITH A. KILDUFF
2	MANCHESTER	JENNIFER ANNE	H. JEFFREY MULLIGAN	JUDITH A. KILDUFF
3	NASHUA	RYAN DAVID	RICHARD M. LADUE	JENNIFER L. POTTER
3	NASHUA	RENEE DANIELLE	MARC A. LECLAIRE	CYNTHIA R. PRINZ
4	NASHUA	MADISON KENDALL	DANIEL J. HARTE	ERIN M. SHINE
4	NASHUA	KAYLA ANN	THOMAS C. LASALA JR.	LINDA M. WITALIS
6	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER THEODORE	CHRISTOPHER J. BOILARD	NANCY A. WILMOT
6	MERRIMACK	SIMPLICITY GRACE	CHRISTOPHER B. ANDERSON	SUSAN C. SCHMIDT
8	NASHUA	BROOKE TAYLOR	ROBERT J. LONGO JR.	PATRICIA A. PARMENTER
9	MANCHESTER	MACKENZIE LYNN	RANDY P. LOVER	CHRISTINE S. DESHAIES
12	NASHUA	LIAM PATRICK	SEAN P. SHEA	TRICIA A. VAILLANCOURT
14	NASHUA	JULIA MARIE	PAUL S. GRIST	DAWN M. WUNSCH
14	NASHUA	SANDRA LEIGHANNE	BRUNO L. WALSER	BARBARA D. CURRAN
15	NASHUA	SOPHIE ALLISON	KEVIN M. CHAUVETTE	MICHELLE L. ADAMS
15	NASHUA	KRISTI MARIE	GARY D. COUTU	DAWN M. BLAIS
17	NASHUA	JOELLEN KELLY	MEDRICK H. RACICOT	KATHLEEN A. KELLY
18	NASHUA	JOSHUA RYAN	MARK G. TRUDEAU	HEATHER D. FOWLER
18	MANCHESTER	AUSTEN DAVID	DAVID W. THOMSON	MELISSA A. DUCHARME
19	MANCHESTER	SHANNON KELLY	RICHARD K. LEAVENWORTH	STEPHANIE MAWN

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JUNE				
20	NASHUA	NOAH LIAM	KENNETH L. AVERY JR.	DEIRDRE L. ROSS
20	NASHUA	ZACHARY ALLEN	GARY A. BROOKS	WENDY C. O'GORMAN
20	NASHUA	AARON CLARKIN	JEFFREY K. WHITE	MARGARET A. CLARKIN
20	NASHUA	REBECCA CLARKIN	JEFFREY K. WHITE	MARGARET A. CLARKIN
22	NASHUA	ALEXANDER ARTHUR	KONSTANTINOS P. BARYIAMES	BETH I. PANAGOS
22	NASHUA	SARAH CATHERINE	SUNIL G. SADHWANI	CATHERINE MAKARAWICZ
23	NASHUA	JESSICA LORI	KEVIN J. MULHERN	JACQUELINE C. COTE
23	NASHUA	ANDREW HANS	ARTHUR STOCKHAUSEN JR.	LOUISE E. NEVEU
24	NASHUA	BENJAMIN THOMAS	JOHN D. DOW	DOREEN J. BURGESS
25	MANCHESTER	JENNA MICHELE	JOSEPH M. BYRD	DEBORAH A. NOBLE
27	NASHUA	DANIEL FREDERIC	JOHN P. BRADY	KIM L. HUBER
30	NASHUA	JAZMYN CIARA	CORNELL FLOYD	JESSICA L. LAMY
30	MANCHESTER	COLBY ALEXANDER	GARY L. LEBLANC	NICOLE M. MIHAL
JULY				
1	NASHUA	OLIVIA DI KOZDRA	ALEXANDER G. FERRIS	ROBIN M. KOZDRA
1	NASHUA	ASHLEY JUNE	TROY P. GRASSINI	KELLY J. NORFREY
3	NASHUA	BENJAMIN JAMES	JAMES P. HUNTER	SALLYANN J. BAILEY
4	NASHUA	MICHAEL BRYAN	BRYAN P. FERRONE	LISA J. PASSANISE
4	NASHUA	LAUREN	VINCENT D. FLAHERTY JR.	AMANDA FIBBE
5	NASHUA	CLAYTON SCOTT	SCOTT G. COLEMAN	SHELLEY L. ALEXANDER
5	NASHUA	JAMIE ELIZABETH	WILLIAM G. DEE	SARAH A. BANKS
8	NASHUA	GRACE MINAMI	DAVID S. ROBERTS	YOKO K. KOSHIRO
10	NASHUA	JONATHAN ROBERT	ROBERT J. WALLACE	DAWN A. HILDEBRANDT
11	NASHUA	STEVEN CONNOR	MARK T. SEXTON	PATRICIA A. FIX
14	NASHUA	JULIANNE CHEZEM	MICHAEL MAYVILLE	MARY J. LATINA
15	NASHUA	MICHAEL SEAN	SEAN M. MURPHY	LORI A. KENDALL
19	NASHUA	KELLY ELISE	MICHAEL J. BOURQUE	WENDY L. D'ABBRACCIO
21	NASHUA	KATHERINE ELIZABETH	ROBERT S. BRENNAN	SHELLEY J. TOM
21	MANCHESTER	CHRISTOPHER QUENTIN	STEPHEN M. KOMISAREK	LUCINDA A. BURNHAM
21	MANCHESTER	JULIA CHRISTINE	CALVIN G. PERRY	BETH E. TRACY
23	NASHUA	LIAM FRANCIS	CHRISTOPHER J. RUMINSKI	FIONA M. ROGERS
24	NASHUA	MEGHAN CHRISTINE	MARK G. RICHARDSON	SUSAN L. WHALEN
24	MANCHESTER	BRADLEY EDWARD	MARK A. KILBRETH	LISA M. LAMARINE

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DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
JULY				
31	MANCHESTER	LYDIA JOYCE	SHANE G. WEAVER	SUZANNE L. BAYER
AUG.				
1	NASHUA	SUMMER ROSE	RUSSELL M. MACPHERSON	DEBRA A. LAVOIE
5	MANCHESTER	ASHLYN MACKENZIE	PAUL D. TOURSIE	HEIDI L. RAUCK
5	MANCHESTER	VICTORIA MCLEAN	SCOTT R. CURRIE	DEBORAH H. SARDILLI
5	EXETER	JESSICA HARTMAN	GEORGE P. HUMPHREY	SHERRY L. HARTMAN
8	MANCHESTER	JONAH MICHAEL	KENNETH R. FOULKS	LUCIENNE LEFEBVRE
11	MANCHESTER	WALTER ANDRE	WALTER S. KWIECINSKI	DIANNE B. DAIGLE
11	NASHUA	STEPHEN MATTHEW	MATTHEW J. RING III	STEPHANIE A. WILLIAMS
19	NASHUA	MADISON CLAIRE	BRIAN M. BOERNER	AMANDA B. YONKIN
19	NASHUA	SHANE ALLEN	KEVIN W. HEATH	HEIDI M. SMITH
22	NASHUA	RAITHE CONNOR	KEITH F. LIBERTY	LORI A. LABBE
25	MANCHESTER	ANTHONY JOHN	MARK J. CIARLA	PAULA E. KUPCHUN
30	NASHUA	BROOKE MORGAN	JACOB G. FEIST III	SHARON L. DONNELLY
SEPT.				
2	MANCHESTER	JACOB DANIEL	STEPHEN F. MACDONALD	MICHELLE L. PROMISE
3	NASHUA	SARAH ANN	GREGG M. WILLAN	CHERYL A. NEILY
5	MANCHESTER	GUNNAR ZACHARY	DAVID S. JOHNSON	JENNILENE M. BOTELHO
6	NASHUA	JACK LESLIE	JON L. RANDALL	LYNN A. FERLO
8	NASHUA	CHELSEA CAYE	VANCE A. SEDLAR	KAREN M. COLLINS
8	NASHUA	DENA LYNN	GEORGE M. EMMONS JR.	KERRY L. FUSSELL
9	NASHUA	THOMAS RAYMOND	RAYMOND W. LECLAIRE	ANN J. BISSONNETTE
9	NASHUA	RHIANNE ELISE	RICHARD B. TALLARICO JR.	PAULA J. SAWYER
10	NASHUA	AMANDA DUNCAN	BRENT A. WEHRMAKER	DENEL D. DUCHENE
11	NASHUA	JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER	RICHARD G. LURVEY	SHARON E. ANGEL
13	NASHUA	CAMERON MICHAEL	SHAWN M. MONAHAN	KELLY M. BOYCE
17	NASHUA	MARC JEFFREY	RANDALL J. LANDRY	JENNINE M. FOREST
18	NASHUA	JOSEPH RICHARD	DENNIS J. GIAMPIETRO	LAURIE J. PAKALNIS
18	NASHUA	NICHOLAS FORBES	ROBERT K. MARIANO	CHRISTINE M. FORBES
22	NASHUA	BRENDAN JON	CURTIS N. HOLLEY	MICHELE S. BRADIE
22	MANCHESTER	ANDREW RYAN	SCOTT P. MURPHY	PATRICIA L. PERKINS

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SEPT.				
23	LEBANON	DAVID WILLIAM	JONATHAN W. MINER	TRACEY L. WAUGH
24	NASHUA	JORDAN LEE	TOD W. RASTELLO	TAMMY A. CAMPBELL
25	MANCHESTER	EMILIE MALIN	RANDALL W. HAIGHT	JOANNE D. CARLSON
26	NASHUA	TYLER CHARLES	ROBERT A. SUNDSTROM	DEBRA M. TINE
26	MANCHESTER	MICHAEL THOMAS	MARK C. FLAHERTY	MEGAN J. SCHNEIDER
27	MANCHESTER	HANNAH MEZALEE	LUKE MAILHOT	MICHELLE L. MARSTON
30	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER ZACHARY	JOHN J. MARTIN III	MARY JURCZUK
OCT.				
3	NASHUA	JOHN PAUL	ANDREW C. WILLIAMS	THERESA M. DOWLING
3	NASHUA	MICHELLE MARIE	ANDREW C. WILLIAMS	THERESA M. DOWLING
4	NASHUA	RANDY SCOTT	MARK M. SAVARY6	CATHY GREENHALGE
4	MANCHESTER	MATTHEW STEPHEN	DONALD C. LARSON	PHYLLIS J. EGGLESTON
6	NASHUA	SAMANTHA ELIZABETH LYNNE	DONALD L. DEBERADINIS	NANCY J. AVIZINIS
7	NASHUA	RACHEL ISABELLA	AGUSTIN E. VELEZ	SUSAN T. MEYER
7	NASHUA	GABRIELLA RAYE	ROBERT P. MACK	SUSAN J. ARCARO
7	NASHUA	GARRETT ARTHUR	KEVIN A. KLAUSNER	KIMBERLY A. OSGA
10	NASHUA	ANDREW ISAAC	ANDRES M. PENA	ERIN M. O'NEIL
10	MANCHESTER	NATHAN JOSHUA	JOHN J. MAILLE	CHRISTINE R. ORLEANS
12	NASHUA	BRANDON MICHAEL	MICHAEL D. MOQUIN	MAUREEN J. CULLEN
14	MANCHESTER	DEVYN TAYLOR	STEVEN J. CADY	KIMBERLY A. CALLEN
17	NASHUA	MADYSEN LEIGH	WILLIAM M. DEMERS	LISA M. NORTON
19	NASHUA	SEAN MICHAEL	JOHN H. LYONS	BRENDA S. RAICHE
19	NASHUA	JUSTIN STANDISH	MARK J. THOMPSON	CHRISTINE M. ROSSI
21	NASHUA	EMILY GRACE	PETER J. HODGKINS	LORI J. WONG
24	NASHUA	SPENCER NEWMAN	BRETT J. FORD	ALLYSON J. NEWMAN
25	NASHUA	JACKSON YORK	BRIAN W. GUTEKUNST	KIMBERLY A. HAYWARD
28	NASHUA	ANDREW JOSEPH	PAUL F. WOJCIAK	ANDREA K. TOLAND
NOV.				
4	NASHUA	COLLEEN MONIQUE	GARY D. DOW	MONIQUE I. PAUL
5	PETERBOROUGH	ISABELLE CATHERINE	STEVE ROY	VIRGINIA C. FORD
6	NASHUA	JUSTIN THOMAS	CHARLES F. BLACK	KATHLEEN D. WOOD
7	NASHUA	OLIVIA LORIN MARY	JOHN A. BIRON	VANESSA D. RAMEY

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NOV.				
7	NASHUA	MASON ALEXANDER	MARC D. MABLE	CHRISTINE B. SNYDER
9	NASHUA	NATHANIEL RAE	CLYDE W. WATSON	MICHELLE L. ALLCOCK
10	NASHUA	ANNA LOUISE	PETER L. LAUMANN	BRENDA J. BUCK
12	MANCHESTER	SAVANNAH LEE	JEFFREY W. ZAGWYN	COLLEEN A. KACZOR
13	NASHUA	COURTNEY MARIE	BRIAN J. MCCARTHY	LISA M. BODINE
13	NASHUA	SYDNEY ROSE	JAMES E. WELLS	HEATHER G. JONES
14	NASHUA	DANIELLE NICOLE	DALE R. OUELLETTE	LISA M. BLATTENBERGER
14	NASHUA	RILEY WILD	JAMES M. MURRAY	MARCIE D. EMMONS
15	NASHUA	SAMANTHA ANN	STEVEN P. CHILDS	STEPHANIE A. HUGHES
19	NASHUA	CASSIDY JANINE	DAVID B. GAUDES JR.	TABITHA T. SCHILLER
19	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER RILEY	MICHAEL R. LAMOUREUX SR.	JESSICA L. BRADSHAW
25	NASHUA	MEGAN GRACE	STEVEN J. MURPHY	PATRICIA A. RHOADES
30	NASHUA	MEGAN ELIZABETH	DANIEL F. ST. JEAN	DIANHE M. SUTHERLAND
DEC.				
2	NASHUA	IAN MCCARTHY	KIRK S. ANDERSON	MADELON E. MCCARTHY
4	NASHUA	CONNOR JAMES	JOHN A. P. CYR	LAURIE A. MCANDREW
4	NASHUA	JESSICA FAY	STEVEN J. WOLFE	DEBRA-LYN MEAD
7	NASHUA	FRANCESCA MARIA	RICHARD C. BIBEAULT JR.	SAUNDRA A. TALLINI
7	NASHUA	JOSEPH ANTHONY	SCOTT J. STIPE	MARY R. CAHILL
11	NASHUA	NICHOLAS JOSEPH	JOSEPH W. FICHTNER	SUZANNE L. DREWS
11	MANCHESTER	ELIZABETH ANNA	DANIEL S. DILORENZO	PATRICIA M. YOUNG
15	NASHUA	ALEXIS LEIGH	MIKE J. RANCOURT	TRACEY L. TOMPKINS
16	NASHUA	LAUREN ELIZABETH	MICHAEL P. DUBOIS	KIMBERLEY A. SUTHERLAND
19	EXETER	ELISABETH MARY	PETER A. GERR	JENNIFER M. HANNON
30	NASHUA	ALLISON MARIE	DAVID E. BATCHELDER II	RACHEL Z. ANDERSON

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DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
JANUARY		
01	MARJORIE KELLEHER	ASHLAND
04	ANGELINE R. MALONE	NASHUA
07	EDWARD S. GETZ SR.	MANCHESTER
12	KENNETH W. HOBBS	NASHUA
16	SUSIE E. DESMARAIS	MERRIMACK
17	RICHARD B. BEZANSON	MANCHESTER
19	PAUL G. HALL	NASHUA
21	DOROTHY J. COURTEMANCHE	NASHUA
23	KEITH E. MORGAN SR.	MANCHESTER
FEBRUARY		
05	LENA M. HILD	NASHUA
05	WILLIAM O. WEBB	NASHUA
09	EDMOND A. VAILLANCOURT	MERRIMACK
11	JOHN L. KAZANOWSKI JR.	MANCHESTER
14	MEGAN R. LAMBERT	MERRIMACK
18	JOHN C. MATERKOWSKI	NASHUA
25	BARBARA E. WALKER	NASHUA
27	FRANCIS A. TEUNESSEN	MILFORD
28	ADOLPH A. BONDA	BEDFORD
MARCH		
05	HAROLD K. RAND	MERRIMACK
14	WAYNE R. SCOTT	MANCHESTER
21	JOHN J. COX	BEDFORD
22	ARTHUR R. COOK	MANCHESTER
22	VENNIE M. PATRIQUIN	MERRIMACK
24	MARY C. JONES	MERRIMACK
29	LOUELLA E. MORGAN	MERRIMACK
APRIL		
03	ANGELO PETAS	NASHUA
03	DOROTHY R. IRELAND	MILFORD
05	ROLANDE I. WIKE	MANCHESTER
08	MARGARET M. LASTOWKA	NASHUA

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DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
APRIL		
15	MAUD EVANS	MANCHESTER
21	EVA J. ALLEY	MERRIMACK
22	BARBARA I. COHEN	MANCHESTER
22	FLORA R. HASKELL	MERRIMACK
26	JOSEPHINE WARD	NASHUA
27	EDWARD KEARNS	MERRIMACK
30	ADRIAN J. VAN DE WEGHE	MERRIMACK
30	PAUL A. GUAY	MANCHESTER
MAY		
02	OLGA BELIGIANIS	MANCHESTER
09	LUELLA M. ANDERSON	MERRIMACK
10	CATHLEEN P. SMALL	MANCHESTER
10	ROGER E. HAMEL	PORTSMOUTH
18	EMILE A. GUERTIN	MERRIMACK
22	JOSEPH A. MCNAMARA JR.	LEBANON
25	JOHN J. DONNELLY	NASHUA
27	RONALD W. ABBOTT	GOFFSTOWN
29	MARVIN E. KETCHIE	MERRIMACK
JUNE		
29	CLARENCE J. KILGALLEN	MERRIMACK
JULY		
03	THOMAS E. TORJENSEN	MERRIMACK
07	PAUL R. THIBODEAU	LEBANON
10	JOHN A. RAUSEO	NASHUA
22	MARJORIE E. CANAVAN	MERRIMACK
AUGUST		
24	LUDGER J. ROY SR.	MANCHESTER
30	BERNADETTE LEDOUX	LANCASTER

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DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
SEPTEMBER		
01	VICTOR W. JOHNSON SR.	MERRIMACK
01	WILLIAM D. GOODEN	MANCHESTER
06	JOSEPH M. DEMERS	MERRIMACK
07	JOSEPH P. MITCHELL	AYER, MA.
23	ESTELLE H. LABBE	MERRIMACK
21	GUY J. PATCH JR	NASHUA
23	DANIEL E. CARSWELL	NASHUA
30	DAVID E. MILLER	MANCHESTER
OCTOBER		
01	DOROTHY E. GILBERT	NASHUA
14	DONALD S. PALMER JR.	NASHUA
16	CAROLINE M. COOK	NASHUA
17	ESTHER ELVIRA HUJSAK	MERRIMACK
NOVEMBER		
10	ELECTA THRESHER	BEDFORD
12	JONATHAN J. TAYLOR	MERRIMACK
23	LOUISE A. TORJESEN	MERRIMACK
27	CHRISTOPHER J. LORANGER	MERRIMACK
DECEMBER		
08	ELINOR M. KOLBE	MANCHESTER
15	MILLICENT S. O'LEARY	NASHUA
16	WALLACE T. WEBBER	MANCHESTER
17	HELEN M. GREENE	MANCHESTER
21	HAROLD E. CHARLES JR.	MERRIMACK
22	LORETTE P. GUGUY	PETERBOROUGH
28	MATTHEW D. FORTADO	MERRIMACK
30	CHIN THLU NGOON a.k.a WONG THLU NGOON	MERRIMACK

The cash in each fund is pooled for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled deposits and investments is allocated to each fund on the basis of its relative average monthly equity in the pooled account. Fund equities in pooled cash at June 30, 1997 and interest earned by each fund during the year then ended are as follows:

Fund	Interest	Equity
General Fund	601,936.01	18,677,497.34
Sewer	38,085.96	896,944.31
Cable Television	717.51	37,811.48
Fire Protection Area	1,210.42	28,082.59
Solid Waste Disposal	12,158.46	298,480.14
Naticook Day Camp	877.38	12,005.95
DARE	190.67	3,410.71
Heritage Trail	12.43	602.57
Veterans Memorial Park	3.78	0.00
Compost Facility	0.00	0.00
Police Station	1,435.32	75,846.37
Road Pavement Management Program	8,607.90	106,610.95
Conservation-80 Acres	305.02	6,550.72
Conservation - Land Use Change Tax	3.87	3,975.12
Conservation-Special	622.51	14,068.89
Total	666,167.24	20,161,887.14

Treasurer's Report

POOLED CASH ACCOUNT

Balance - July 1, 1996	15,765,253.75
Receipts:	
General Government	439,495.27
Fire Protection Area	38,288.73
Assessing	3,051.80
Fire	3,272.67
Police	197,027.10
Ambulance	194,638.17
Public Works Administration	29.00
Highway	360.00
Solid Waste Disposal	507,771.37
Sewer	3,647,389.09
Planning and Zoning	37,989.22
Parks and Recreation	153,830.00
Equipment Maintenance	6,500.00
Code Enforcement	244,831.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	40,960,604.15
Welfare	9,987.99
Interest on pooled deposits and investments	666,167.24
Federal and state aid	1,373,022.06
Private grants	57,012.20
Transfers from trust funds	240,878.15
Expense reimbursements	174,959.68
Performance bonds and deposits	108,942.80
Total receipts	49,066,047.69
Total cash available	64,831,301.44
Less selectmen's orders paid	44,669,414.30
Balance - June 30, 1997	20,161,887.14

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 1997

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
					BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	FUND A														
1900	PERPETUAL CARE	CEMETERIES	VARIOUS	48.05211%	$95,988.23	$375.00			$96,363.23	$92,936.70		$15,646.73	$4,313.65	$104,269.78	$200,633.01
1917-26-54	PATTERSON, LAWRENCE & CARROLL	LIBRARY	VARIOUS	3.11676%	$6,217.89				$6,217.89	$1,636.41		$1,013.52	$878.42	$1,771.51	$7,989.40
1854/1921	GAGE & LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	34.05684%	$67,942.86				$67,942.86	$17,867.64		$11,075.14	$9,598.47	$19,344.31	$87,287.17
1951	GEORGE CARROLL	FIRE DEPT.	VARIOUS	14.75041%	$29,426.84				$29,426.84	$25,673.87		$4,796.77	$0.00	$30,470.64	$59,897.48
1925	SHEDD HARRIS	FIRE DEPT.	VARIOUS	0.02388%	$47.65				$47.65	$110.31		$7.77	$0.00	$118.08	$165.73
	FUND A TOTALS			100.00000%	$199,623.47	$375.00			$199,998.47	$138,244.56		$32,539.97	$14,790.54	$155,993.99	$355,992.46
	FUND B														
1960	PERPETUAL CARE	CEMETARY	VARIOUS	68.07397%	$15,896.61				$15,896.61	$8,787.54		$2,940.01	$1,616.34	$10,111.21	$26,007.82
1964	LAWRENCE	LIBRARY	VARIOUS	29.00891%	$6,774.15				$6,774.15	$2,108.31		$1,252.85	$1,083.63	$2,277.53	$9,051.68
1960	STOCKLEY	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	2.91712%	$681.20				$681.20	$298.52		$125.99	$109.62	$314.89	$996.09
	FUND B TOTALS			100.00000%	$23,351.96				$23,351.96	$11,194.37		$4,318.84	$2,809.59	$12,703.62	$36,055.58
	FUND C														
1965	HARRY WATKINS	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	100.00000%	$249,570.31				$249,570.31	$73,815.47		$28,669.56	$27,261.65	$75,223.38	$324,793.69
	COMMON FUND TOTALS				$472,545.74	$375.00			$472,920.74	$246,151.81		$65,528.37	$44,861.78	$243,920.99	$716,841.73

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL										
					BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR PERCENT	INCOME DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	FUND D														
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIZE SPEAKING FUND	VARIOUS	3.21372%	$2,000.00				$2,000.00	$8,705.96		$500.48	$255.00	$8,951.44	$10,951.44
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIZE SPELLING FUND	VARIOUS	1.89079%	$1,000.00				$1,000.00	$5,571.33		$294.45	$190.00	$5,675.78	$6,675.78
1989	EVERETT PARKER	GENERAL MAINT. CEMETERY	VARIOUS	1.68824%	$3,000.00				$3,000.00	$3,206.68		$262.91	$293.40	$3,176.19	$6,176.19
1971	GRIFFIN FENCE FUND REED CEMETERY	MAINTENANCE OF FEN OF FENCE	VARIOUS	7.13841%	$5,000.00				$5,000.00	$21,243.76		$1,111.67	$0.00	$22,355.43	$27,355.43
1970	GRIFFIN LOT CARE	PERPETUAL CARE	VARIOUS	0.46969%	$500.00				$500.00	$1,226.76		$73.15	$0.00	$1,299.91	$1,799.91
1950	MASTRICOLA FUND	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	50.54940%	$50,000.00				$50,000.00	$135,152.15		$7,872.11	$1,000.00	$142,024.26	$192,024.26
1965	WATKINS TOWN FOREST	SCHOOL & TOWN	LAND		$1,575.00				$1,575.00						$1,575.00
1970	WATKINS FOREST INCOME	SCHOOL	VARIOUS	28.64218%	$67,192.94				$67,192.94	$31,925.28		$4,460.48	$6,208.53	$30,177.23	$97,370.17
1925	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION	MUTUAL FUNDS		$63,059.01		$6,246.12		$69,305.13	$18,201.68		$3,311.64	$0.00	$21,513.32	$90,818.45
1925	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION	VARIOUS	6.40757%	$0.00				$0.00	$19,556.90		$997.86	$0.00	$20,554.76	$20,554.76
	TOTAL FUND D			100.00000%	$193,326.85	$0.00	$6,246.12		$199,572.97	$244,790.50		$18,884.75	$7,946.93	$255,728.32	$455,301.29
	TOWN CREATED CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS														
1973	AMBULANCE	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP		$55,615.46	$12,000.00		$0.00	$67,615.46	$2,656.79		$3,142.30	$0.00	$5,799.09	$73,414.55
1973	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP		$517,538.45	$0.00		$0.00	$517,538.45	$69,668.02		$30,542.24	$25,052.01	$75,158.25	$592,696.70
1971	LANDFILL OPERATIONS	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP		$516,130.13	$0.00		$0.00	$516,130.13	$51,523.05		$30,072.73	$41,025.78	$40,570.00	$556,700.13
1973	FIRE EQUIPMENT	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP		$63,011.74	$56,500.58		$0.00	$119,512.32	$0.00		$3,419.04	$0.00	$3,419.04	$122,931.36
1978	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, CAPITAL REPAIRS	REPLACEMENT	T-BILLS, NHPDIP		$794,607.08	$194,706.00		$0.00	$989,313.08	$0.00		$42,834.43	$0.00	$42,834.43	$1,032,147.51
1987	REAPPRAISAL FUND	REAPPRAISAL	NHPDIP		$49,409.46	$0.00		$11,496.20	$37,913.26	$0.00		$2,548.76	$2,548.76	$0.00	$37,913.26
1987	LIABILITY INSURANCE DEDUCTABLE	RESERVE	NHPDIP		$6,068.27	$0.00		$1,261.97	$4,806.30	$0.00		$312.99	$312.99	$0.00	$4,806.30
1987	PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE DEDUCTABLE	RESERVE	NHPDIP		$28,048.06	$0.00		$9,130.95	$18,917.11	$0.00		$1,446.43	$1,446.43	$0.00	$18,917.11
1990	LAND BANK	RESERVE	NHPDIP		$35,202.14	$0.00		$0.00	$35,202.14	$1,632.95		$1,901.72	$0.00	$3,534.67	$38,736.81
1992	SCHOOL PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION	RESERVE	NHPDIP		$104,700.00	$50,000.00		$0.00	$154,700.00	$13,556.05		$7,935.70	$0.00	$21,491.75	$176,191.75
1992	SCHOOL ROOF RECONSTRUCTION	RESERVE	NHPDIP		$77,947.12	$75,000.00		$69,218.02	$83,729.10	$0.00		$5,781.98	$5,781.98	$0.00	$83,729.10

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FUND A

HOW INVESTED		PRINCIPAL						INCOME			
NO.OF SHARES OR	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	ADDITIONS CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	FUND A											
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT.#091-012657-2	$1,200.00	$392.43				$1,592.43	7949.43	$250.92			
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL (N	$125.00					$125.00	17628.32	$5,163.91			
1200	AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS CORP.	$15,486.22					$15,486.22		$1,938.00			
800	AMERICAN WATER WORKS INC.							$17,425.78	$444.00			
200	AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY	$3,174.58					$3,174 58	$5,464.88	$496.90		$5,961.78	
300	AMOCO CORP.	$14,626.68					$14,626.68		$810.00			
1400	CENTRAL & SOUTH WEST CORP.	$13,034 29					$13,034.29		$2,436.00			
400	CHEVRON CORP.	$13,049.50					$13,049.50		$880.00			
1050	DOMINION RESOURCES, INC	$15,923.96					$15,923.96		$2,709.00			
1200	DUPONT deNEMOURS COMPANY	$10,410.40					$10,410 40		$1,404.00			
1000	DUKE POWER COMPANY	$11,367.37					$11,367.37		$2,120.00			
76	ECHELON INTERNATIONAL CORP. *	$282.82		$7.92			$274 90	108.72	$0.00		$108.72	
80	ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS CORP.**	$0.00					$0 00		$48.00			
1149	FLORIDA PROGRESS CORP	$10,122.71					$10,122 71	$3,891.28	$2,389.94		$3,891.28	
400	GENERAL MOTORS CORP	$14,873.71					$14,873 71		$739.60			
400	HERSHEY FOODS CORP	$14,166.01					$14,166.01	$609.68	$640.00		$609.68	
1200	HOUSTON INDUSTRIES CORP	$11,299.75					$11,299.75		$1,800.00			
1720	KELLOGG COMPANY	$11,726.88					$11,726.88		$2,889.60			
119	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES ***	$1,295.75		$9.51			$1,286.24	$2,230.58	$17.86		$2,230.58	
23.2037	NCR CORPORATION ***	$159.01					$159.01	$273.73	$0.00		$273.73	
1200	NYNEX	$18,534.37					$18,534.37		$2,832.00			
588	PACIFICORP	$6,057.18					$6,057.18		$635.04			
600	POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER	$0.00					$0 00	$13,705.09	$996.00		$13,705.09	
562	WEYERHEAUSER COMPANY	$12,707.28					$12,707.28		$899.20			
	TOTALS FUND A	$199,623.47	$392.43	$17.43	$0.00		$199,998 47	$138,244.56	$32,539.97	$14,790.54	$155,993.99	$355,992.46

*ECHELON IS A SPINOFF FROM FLORIDA PROGRESS.

** EDS CORP. WAS SPUNOFF AS A DIVIDEND OF GENERAL MOTORS.

***LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES AND NCR CORP. WERE SPUNOFF FROM ATT.

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	FUND B											
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT.#091-012656-4	$0.00					$0.00	$3,430.55	$46.71			
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL N	$0.00					$0.00	$3,771.10	$399.33			
500	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY	$8,409.22					$8,409.22		$1,200.00			
10	ECHELON CORPORATION	$25.43					$25.43	$83.29	$0.00		$83.29	
150	FLORIDA PROGRESS CORP	$910.30					$910.30	$2,980.98	$312.00		$2,980.98	
2080	TECO ENERGY INC.	$14,007.01					$14,007.01		$2,360.80			
	FUND B TOTAL	$23,351.96	$0.00		$0.00	$0.00	$23,351.96	$11,194.37	$4,318.84	$2,809.59	$12,703.62	$36,055.58

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FUND C

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	FUND C											
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT #091-012655-6	$4,419.33					$4,419.33	$16,552.53	$782.39		$6,834.70	
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-1	$20,000.00	($17,479.13)				$2,520.87	$47,096.93	$3,803.99		$69,648.20	
1000	ALLEGHANEY POWER SYSTEM, INC.	$11,477.28					$11,477.28		$1,280.00			
400	AMERITECH CORPORATION	$14,823.00					$14,823.00		$876.00			
1500	BELL SOUTH	$15,838.50					$15,838.50		$2,160.00			
1125	BROOKLYN UNION INDUSTRIAL GAS COMPANY	$9,463.70					$9,463.70		$1,620.02			
900	CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	$10,661.15					$10,661.15		$1,665.00			
460	CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORP.	$10,295.59					$10,295.59		$975.20			
846	CENTRAL & SOUTH WEST CORP.	$7,748.92					$7,748.92		$1,472.04			
900	FLORIDA PROGRESS CORP.	$8,209.62					$8,209.62		$1,872.00			
60	ECHELON INTERNATIONAL CORP.	$229.37					$229.37		$0.00			
1200	FORTUNE BRANDS*	$9,743.67					$9,743.67		$2,400.00			
1200	GALLAHER GROUP Plc	$5,678.41					$5,678.41		$0.00			
2000	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	$9,681.65					$9,681.65		$1,960.00			
125	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES COMPANY	$14,547.28					$14,547.28	$5,565.40	$292.01		$5,857.41	
1200	IPALCO	$18,733.81					$18,733.81		$1,632.00			
1080	MAYTAG COMPANY	$12,909.10					$12,909.10		$648.00			
800	NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC SYSTEM	$14,407.43					$14,407.43		$1,888.00			
600	POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER	$13,705.09					$13,705.09		$747.00			
225	PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPAMY		$27,479.13				$27,479.13		$101.25			
100	TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY	$4,458.90					$4,458.90	$6,906.38	$489.97		$7,396.35	
300	UNITED STATES WEST CORPORATION	$7,104.74					$7,104.74		$642.00			
300	UNITED STATES WEST MEDIA GROUP	$4,736.49					$4,736.49		$0.00			
400	WISCONSIN ENERGY CORPORATION	$10,697.28					$10,697.28		$610.00			
	GMAC NOTE 7.90% DUE 3/14/97	$10,000.00		$10,000.00			$0.00		$752.69			
	FUND C TOTAL	$249,570.31	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00		$249,570.31	$73,815.47	$28,669.56	$27,261.65	$75,223.38	$324,793.69

*Fortune Brands was formally American Brands and Gallaher Group is a spinoff of American Brands.

*Dividend income from American Brands is entered for Fortune Brands.

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	FUND D											
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT #935-864098-6	$0.00	$27.54				$27.54		$52.24			$1,427.62
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-1	$33,176.51	($33,176.51)				$0.00		$5,886.49			$0.00
400	AT&T CORP.	$17,365.48					$17,365.48		$528.00			
1000	AMERICAN WATER WORKS INC.	$0.00					$0.00	$21,765.05	$555.00		$21,765.05	
600	BELLSOUTH CORP.	$17,809.50					$17,809.50		$864.00			
800	COCA COLA CO.	$18,625.11					$18,625.11		$412.00			
400	DISNEY WALT CO	$17,156.32					$17,156.32		$185.00			
700	ENRON CORP.	$0.00	$2,845.38				$2,845.38	$25,669.57	$157.50		$25,699.57	
30	IMATION CORP.	$1,509.28					$1,509.28		$0.00			
129	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	$7,087.99			$27.54		$7,060.45		$19.36			
300	MINNESOTA MINING MANUFACTURING CO.	$15,092.83					$15,092.83		$612.00			
25	NCR	$869.82					$869.82		$0.00			
1200	TECO ENERGY CORP	$0.00	$30,331.13				$30,331.13		$354.00			
900	UTILICORP	$0.00					$0.00	$25,390.02	$1,188.00		$25,390.02	
	SHEDD HARRIS FUND (MUTUAL FUND PORTION ONLY)	$63,059.01		$6,246.12			$69,305.13	$18,201.68	$3,311.64	$0.00	$21,513.32	$90,818.45
	WATKINS TOWN FOREST	$1,575.00					$1,575.00					$1,575.00
	INCOME- T-BILLS.BNH SAVINGS						$0.00		$4,759.52			$0.00
	TOTAL FUND D	$193,326.85	$27.54	$6,246.12	$27.54		$199,572.97	$244,790.50	$18,884.75	$7,946.93	$255,728.32	$455,301.29

Town Officers

Representatives to the General Court

Peter Batula
Robert Brundige
Dennis Fields
Robert Kelley
Robert L'Heureux
Doris MacIntyre
Timothy McGough
Robert Milligan

Board of Selectmen

Finlay C. Rothhaus, Chairman	Term expires 1998
D. L. Chris Christensen, Vice-Chairman	Term expires 1999
Norman V. Carr	Term expires 2000
Anthony J. Pellegrino	Term expires 2000
Carolyn G. Whitlock	Term expires 1998

Town Manager
Dean E. Shankle Jr.

Executive Assistant
Betty J. Spence

Finance Administrator
Robert T. Levan

Moderator
Lynn Christensen

Town Treasurer
Jean G. Weston

Town Clerk-Tax Collector
Diane M. Pollock

Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector
Linda P. Hall

Assessor
Dominic D'Antoni

Community Development Director
A. J. Minkarah

Planning & Zoning Administrator
Vacant

Building/Health Officer
Joseph M. Comer

Health Officer
Sean Goodwin

Ambulance Director
Michael Barb

Emergency Management Director
Charles Q. Hall

Library Director
Elizabeth Levy

Director of Public Works
Earle M. Chesley

Assistant Director of Public Works-WWTF
Larry R. Spencer

Assistant Director of Public Works - Highway
David Lent

Highway Coordinator
Bruce W. Moreau

Building & Grounds Maintenance
Philip F. Meschino

Equipment Maintenance
James H. Graham

Landfill Foreman
Steven S. Doumas

Ballot Inspectors
(terms expire November 1998)

Democrat	Republican
Peggy Dwyer	Barbara Buker
Anne Goodridge	Peter Duke
Anne McCann	Yvonne Hinckley
Mary Moriarty	Fern Jones
Betty Morton	Janet McKenna
Joseph Morton	Ruth Reik

Abbie Griffin Park Advisory Committee

David Jenkins, Chairman
D.L. Chris Christensen
Frank Daley
Ruth Liberty
Diane Pollock
Donna Rothhaus
Laurie Rothhaus
Betty Spence

Budget Committee

Thomas J. Mahon, Chairman	Term expires 1998
Dick Anderson	Term expires 1999
John Balcom	Term expires 2000
Patricia Daniels	Term expires 1999
David Denton	Term expires 2000
*Theresa Fisher	Term expires 1998
Charles Greenhalgh	Term expires 2000
Stanley Heinrich	Term expires 1999
Edward Kimball, Jr.	Term expires 1998
Ben Niles	Term expires 1998
Barbara Tucker	Term expires 2000
*Valerie Walsh	Term expires 1999
Carolyn Whitlock	Ex-officio member
Jim Flis	Ex-officio member
Peter Karam	Ex-officio member
Rita Carlton	Secretary

*Ceased to hold position per RSA 32:15, VI.

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Philip Hunt, Chairman	Mary Jo Roberts
Steven Birchall	Dean Shankle, Jr.
Aletheia Fischer	Craig Showers
Keith Jefffery	Lloyd Tate
Dan O'Donnell	Chip Underhill
Anthony Pellegrino	Gary VanNortick

Conservation Commission

Mike Burke, Chairman	Term expires 1999
Eber Currier	Term expires 1999
Gary Gagne	Term expires 1998
Terri Kangas-Feller	Term expires 2000
Jean Lavallee	Term expires1999
James McAveeney	Term expires 2000
Andy Powell	Term expires 2000
Charles Greenhalgh, alternate	Term expires 1999
Douglas Osborne, alternate	Term expires 1998
Anthony Pellegrino	Ex-officio member
Linda Wilson	Secretary

District Court

Clifford R. Kinghorn, Justice
Gregory Michael, Special Justice
Lynn KillKelley, Clerk
Jane DiMartino, Deputy Clerk
Barbara Duhaime, Court Assistant
Maureen Murphy, Court Assistant
Joseph Lanza, Bailiff

Forest Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Wardens

Clarence P. Worster, Warden
Martin Carrier
William Cashin
Charles Chalk
Joseph Comer
Charles Hall
David Parenti
Perley Rogers
Laurence Rothhaus
Gary Woodward
Howard Young

Fourth of July Committee

Thomas Mahon, Chairman
Robert Adamowicz
Jack Balcom
Lena Cook
Brenda Dulong
Ruth Liberty
Judy May
Jean Shankle

Highway Safety Committee

Joseph Devine, Chairman
Roger Bellemore
Robert Brundige
Norman Carr
Joseph Comer
Charles Hall
Robert L'Heureux
Bruce Moreau
Charles Mower
William Mulligan
Tony Pellegrino
Norman Peppin
Richard Todd
Shelly Uscinski

Library Trustees

Ellen Dube, Chairman	Term expires 1999
Pat Heinrich	Term expires 1999
Robert Kelley	Term expires 2000
Michael Milligan	Term expires 1998
Duncan Morrill	Term expires 2000

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

D.L. Chris Christensen
Mark Parker
Jean Weston

Naticook Day Camp Advisory Board

Carolyn Disco, Chairman
Robert Colletti
Eber Currier
Franklin Dutton
Michael Lindsay
Mary Moriarty
Alice Porembski
Susan Shandler
Charles Stevens

Parks and Recreation Committee

Dru Movizzo, Chairman	Term expires 1998
Lonnie Dubois	Term expires 2000
Laura Jaynes	Term expires 1999
Tony Trembley	Term expires 1999
Norma French	Senior Citizen Rep.
D.L. Chris Christensen	Ex-officio member
Connie Halvatzes	MYA Representative
Michael Housman	P & R Director

Planning Board

Nelson Disco, Chairman	Term expires 1999
Edna Conway	Term expires 2000
Arthur Gagnon	Term expires 1999
Jan Lint	Term expires 2000
John Segedy	Term expires 1998
Jiri Hajek, alternate	Term expires 1998
Norman Carr	Ex-officio member

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Ted Parmenter, Chairman	David Paul
Chip Chesley	Anthony Pellegrino
Chris Conway	Chris Petrovic
Robert Kelley	James Soukup
Mark Maguire	Leonard Worster
Joseph Mitchell	Linda Wilson, Secretary

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Watson, Chairman	Term expires 1998
Ruth Liberty	Term expires 2002
Donna Rothhaus	Term expires 2000

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Jack Balcom	Term expires 1999
David Johnsen	Term expires 1998
John Lyons	Term expires 2000

Wasserman Park Master Plan Committee

Patricia Dumont, Chairman
Steven Keach, Vice Chairman
Douglas Dickinson
John Gibson
Robert Milligan
Chris Petrovic
Carolyn Whitlock, Ex-officio member
Eber Currier, Conservation Commission representative

Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Sturm, Chairman	Term expires 2000
Richard Barry	Term expires 1999
Mark Kanakis	Term expires 2000
Charles Roberts	Term expires 2000
Diane Adams, alternate	Term expires 2000
Lon Woods, alternate	Term expires 1999

1997 Annual Report Of The

Abbie Griffin Park Advisory Committee

Submitted by David Jenkins
Chairman

In January 1997 the Abbie Griffin Park Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee worked with a landscape architectural firm to draw up a set of plans for the park. Signs have been commissioned for the park and the bandstand and will be installed in the spring of 1998 at which time further landscape work will be done. Research has been done on lighting for the park.

Steven Porbunderewala, a local Boy Scout, who is working on his Eagle badge, has been raising money to purchase and install granite benches in the park. Discussions have taken place with another scout who is seeking approval from the scout district council to raise funds for a flag pole as his Eagle project.

A "recognition plaque" has been placed in the Town Hall listing all who donated financially to the fundraising for the Merrimack Community Bandstand. Another plaque is in the works for those who donated services so vital to the success of the construction of the bandstand and park.

The second annual Candlelight Stroll and Christmas tree lighting took place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We had an excellent crowd and all enjoyed the stroll and Christmas carol singing at the bandstand. There have been a number of weddings, concerts, and other activities held at the bandstand during 1997.

This is Merrimack's park and bandstand---let's enjoy it!

<u>Abbie Griffin Park Advisory Committee</u>
David Jenkins, Chairman
D.L. Chris Christensen
Frank Daley
Ruth Liberty
Diane Pollock
Donna Rothhaus
Laurie Rothhaus
Betty Spence

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Ambulance Rescue Service

Submitted By Charles Q. Hall
Fire Chief

1997 has been an eventful year for your ambulance service, we have integrated our full time paramedics into the fire service and they are now classified as fire fighter paramedics. We have also rewritten the job description for the Emergency Medical Services Director. Michael Barb has been hired as the new E.M.S. Director, and under his leadership the volunteers continue to provide a valued service to the citizens of our community. The combination of our volunteer and full time personnel provide skill and dedication to the needs of the sick and injured of this community in a manner surpassed by none.

We wish to take this time to thank the citizens, our government officials, and the ambulance auxiliary for all their support during the past year.
1997 M.A.R.S. Members

EMS Director
Michael W. Barb

Ambulance Officer
Stanley Heinrich

Asst. Ambulance Officer
Jeff Friedrichs

Training Officer
Jessica Wyman/Deb Wroebel

Secretary
Pam Traurig

---Paramedics---

David Bertrand	EMT-P	Jessica Wyman	EMT-P
Fran Dupuis	EMT-P	Anna Chaput	EMT-P
David Nickerson	EMT-P	Carolyn Lasker	EMT-P
Marilyn Hunt	EMT-B		

---VOLUNTEERS---

Patricia Ansdell, MD	
Melody Bachand	EMT-B
Rob Biron	EMT-B
Eric Damon	EMT-I
Jeff Friedrich	EMT-B
Sheri Gauvin	EMT-B
Shawn Kimball	EMT-B
Timothy McGough	EMT-I
Gail O=Halloran	EMT-I
Karen Peterson	EMT-I
Curtis Provance	EMT-B
Dawn Shea	EMT-B
Pamela Traurig	EMT-I
Jeff Tuttle	EMT-B
Derek Whitehead	EMT-I
Chris Wyman	EMT-I
Pete Maglio	YO-3
Tom Arnold	EMT-I
Steven Bachand	EMT-B
Daniel Colby	EMT-B
John Demyanovich	EMT-I
Gary Gauvin	EMT-B
Julie Hazen	EMT-I
Shawn Martin	EMT-I
Joe Mellin	EMT-I
Craig Peterson	EMT-I
Matt Pfeifer	EMT-I
Kathy Provance	EMT-B
Arthur Stockhausen	EMT-B
Scott Traurig	EMT-I
Robert Veale	EMT-B
Deb Wroebel	EMT-B
Joe Devine	YO-1
Earl Buchanan	YO-5

MERRIMACK AMBULANCE RESCUE SERVICE
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 1997

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND STANDBYS TO DATE: 1081

PATIENTS TRANSPORTED: 719

Emergency Medical Classification of Patient Transports:

Basic Life Medical:	199
Basic Life Trauma:	202
Advanced Life Medical:	278
Advanced Life Trauma:	40
Trauma Team Activations:	9

SECOND AMBULANCE CALLS: 100

PATIENTS RECEIVED EMS SERVICES: 1173

FACILITY	YEAR
St. Joseph Hospital	310
SNHRMC	296
Elliot Hospital	60
CMC	40
MVAMC	11
Merrimack Hitchcock	1
SJH Merrimack Clinic	0
Brookside Hospital	1
Special Transports	0

Emergency Medical Services Calls by Classification:

Allergic Reaction	20
Behavioral	31
Burn	1
Cardiovascular	37
Diabetic	27
Gastrointestinal	40
Heat/Hyperthermia	5
Hypothermia/Frostbite	1
Neurological	108
Ob/Gyn	9
Other	108
Poisoning/OD	40
Respiratory	98
Toxic Exposure	21
Trauma	492
Unknown	12
Urinary Tract	5
Vascular	18

Emergency Medical Scenes by Call:

Home	592
Industrial	58
Medical Facility	23
Other	13
Public Building/Place	152
Recreational	25
School	21
Street/Highway	289

1997 Annual Report Of The
Assessing Department
Submitted by Dominic S. D'Antoni
Assessor

1997 has been the best year, so far, of the 1990's. This year's building permits issued show a tremendous growth pattern for 1997. Again, the truest signs of economic recovery is when commercial and industrial expansion and new dwellings are being built. The overall economy for the southern section of New Hampshire is on a definite rebound shoring up real-estate values.

Many Merrimack property owners, during the past year, have taken the opportunity to view the latest computers and software data technology being used in the assessing office. To further make the information process for property data user friendly the department will be installing a touch screen monitor in 1998. There is a small fee to receive a copy of a property card.

The Assessing Department is continuing to monitor all sales activity for all classes of property. The final results of sales analysis will be used for April 1, 1999 updating assessment values.

For more general assessment information, you can use the Town's web site at: http://www.ci.merrimack.nh.us

Much too often, employees working on the day to day scene seldom receive proper recognition for their efforts and dedication demanded by their position. To the office staff of Anne L. Whitney, Loren J. Martin and temporary employee Ann T. Knapp, a sincere thanks, for meeting the hectic workload and challenges during the past year.

Assessing Department Staff
Dominic S. D'Antoni, Assessor
Anne Whitney, Office Manager
Loren Martin, Assessment Technician
Anne Knapp, Temporary Clerk Typist

1997 Annual Report Of The
Board of Selectmen

1997 marked the first year of Merrimack's participation in town government ruled by the Official Ballot Law. This required a lot of education and legal guidance to ensure the new procedure was properly implemented. The Official Ballot Law requires Town Meeting be held in two sessions - a deliberative session for discussion of and possible amendments to warrant articles and a separate all-day voting session. Because the ballot was unusually long, the Selectmen devised a plan to educate the public about the issues before Voting Day and encouraged people to review the warrant and mark sample ballots prior to entering the voting booths. This resulted in a reasonably speedy voting process and helped prevent long lines for waiting voters.

In April, Selectman Chairman Robert Morrill and Selectman Robert L'Heureux completed their terms and chose to not seek re-election. Voters elected Norman Carr and Anthony Pellegrino to three-year terms.

The voters defeated the operating budget which caused the Selectmen to reduce the bottom line by the required $311,248 as specified by the Official Ballot Law. The Selectmen eliminated contributions to various Capital Reserve Funds in order to match the amount of the "default budget".

The Selectmen agreed to take action on the following this year: reviewing non-dedicated town-owned land; placement of the Circumferential Highway; planning for solid waste disposal; obtaining cable television service; creating a Town Center Plan; revising the Capital Improvement Plan; and continuing cooperative efforts with the business community.

An era came to an end with the retirement of the entire Fourth of July Committee under the leadership of Dwight "Doc" Damon. The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank him and his loyal committee, including Eric Damon, Bob Brundige, David Cota, George Ellis, Joe Martel and Dick Tinglof, among others, who devoted so much time and effort for so many years in creating a Fourth of July celebration that became one of the most popular events in the area. The Board also wishes to thank Tom Mahon, who offered to take over the leadership of a new Fourth of July Committee, and all those people who volunteered their time and talents to make sure the tradition was carried on.

Specific initiatives were undertaken to promote better communications, partnerships, understandings, and morale between the Selectmen and employees, School District, business sector, and the public. An employee incentive program was adopted. A joint meeting between Selectmen and School Board members was held. A series of roundtable discussions was held with local business people. The Board recognized the New Hampshire Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association with a proclamation on their 25th anniversary. The Selectmen commemorated the retirement

of their long-time secretary, Terri Mitchell, and honored John Lyons, one of the pillars of the Merrimack community, in celebration of his 80th birthday!

The Board of Selectmen recognize the fine quality of work done by our well-trained and hard-working employees. We wish to thank the many members of the boards, committees, and commissioners and other people who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of our community. Your efforts enhance the quality of life in Merrimack for us all.

Merrimack Board of Selectmen
Finlay C. Rothhaus. Chairman
D.L. Chris Christensen, Vice Chairman
Norman V. Carr
Anthony J. Pellegrino
Carolyn G. Whitlock

1997 Annual Report of the

Community Development Department

Submitted by A.J. Minkarah
Community Development Director

1997 was a year of significant growth and development in Merrimack and an active year for the department. As can be seen in the individual report of the Code Enforcement, Building & Health Division of the department, residential and nonresidential building activity was high though unlike the 1996 year, few new residential lots and no large residential developments were approved by the Planning Board. Most residential development occurred on the large number of lots remaining in newer subdivisions approved over the past few years. Overall, most of the residential growth over the past year has been in new single-family cluster developments and has tended toward the higher end of the market. The town's overall population clearly grew in 1997 as a diversity of new families and individuals moved in to occupy new housing. Such growth has benefited the town through increased property values, expansion of the labor pool, expansion of the consumer base and through the infusion of new contributing members of the community. Residential growth has also challenged the town's ability to meet the public facility and service needs of both new and existing residents while sparking spirited debate and a renewed focus on issues related to the impacts of growth.

In the commercial and industrial sectors, both new construction and the approval of new lots and sites was strong. The most notable project approved was the new Summit Business Center; a 160 acre office and industrial park on Industrial Drive. Other office and industrial activity took place at the Merrimack Technology Park and as a part of expansions at several existing industrial sites including Chem Fab, Fidelity, Unitrode and others. New retail and service businesses were developed or approved including the new Rite Aid on D.W. Highway, new automobile dealerships, a convenience store and a motel. New businesses were also attracted to several existing shopping center locations and commercial sites. The result of these developments has been a notable expansion of the towns tax base, increased employment and a continued diversification of the local economy. In addition to the growth that had occurred, plans, discussions and negotiations were undertaken during 1997 that promise to result in continued growth and change in 1998 and coming years.

While growth and development issues dominate the activities of the Community Development Department, these aspects of the community are not the departments sole area of concern. Long range planning efforts included continued assistance to the Planning Board in the development of a Town Center Plan, Build Out Study and zoning regulatory changes to provide for the full spectrum of community needs ranging from economic growth to groundwater protection. The department worked closely with other town departments and divisions to plan for and facilitate the expansion of municipal

services and facilities, the acquisition of additional conservation and recreation lands, including the recently acquired Merrimack Riverfront land and boat access. The department also continued to work with state and regional officials throughout the year to address issues related transportation, water quality and pending legislation that directly and indirectly affect Merrimack.

Internally, 1997 saw the departure of three staff members from the department including long-time employee, Sally Raymond, and the addition of two new employees. The department continues to staff the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment and provides services and assistance to a broad spectrum of the public. The department welcomes questions, comments or requests for assistance from any resident interested in the wide range of community issues under its umbrella as well as from those with specific individual needs.

Community Development Staff

A.J. Minkarah, Community Development Director
Joseph Comer, Building/Health Officer
George Coture, Assistant Building Inspector
Evelyn Gillis, Office Manager
Jean Weston, Office Manager
Sean Goodwin, Health Officer
Janine Castro, Clerk (part time)
Lena Cook, Clerk Typist II
Brenda Morse, Secretary

Report Of The

Code Enforcement Division

1997 was another busy year for the department with permits up from the previous year. Residential construction continues to be the majority of permits and inspections. There were 907 permits issued with a total valuation of $78,096,102. and total fees collected of $212,877.

----PERMITS ISSUED 1997----

Single family dwellings	164
Residential garages & carports	28
Additions to single family	143
Commercial buildings	9
Additions to commercial	59
Industrial buildings	1
Additions to industrial	4
Swimming pools	51
Miscellaneous permits (electrical, plumbing, etc)	275
Demolitions other than single family	8
Demolitions single family	3
Oil burners	6
Storage tanks	21
Septic systems (new & repairs)	79
Signs	74

----STATISTICS----

YEAR	BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	SINGLE FAMILY
1991	777	53
1992	869	119
1993	969	123
1994	913	89
1995	896	75
1996	999	102
1997	925	164

Report Of The

Health Division

The Health Division is responsible for the licensing and inspection of all food service establishments, public bathing areas, day care centers and foster homes. This division also witnesses test pits for septic systems and inspects the installation of new and replacement septic systems.

Statistics

Food Service Licenses	100
Public Bathing Area Licenses	15
Day care and Foster Home Inspections	25
New and Replaced Septic Systems	138

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Conservation Commission

Submitted by Michael R. Burke
Chairman

Background

The MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION (MCC) was established in 1967 and provides "...for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources..." of Merrimack (RSA 36-A:2). The MCC conducts studies of local land areas and water bodies and seeks to coordinate, to the extent possible, the activities of other organizations established for similar purposes. The MCC maintains an index of wetlands, open spaces and natural aesthetic or ecologically significant areas within the Town and plans for the proper utilization of such areas (RSA 36-A:2). The MCC recommends ways to protect, develop or better utilize such areas. In addition, the MCC may acquire land or water rights and easements to "maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water bodies within ...town" (RSA 26-A:4).

One of the major responsibilities of the MCC is to review applications for Dredge & Fill prior to submittal to the NH Wetlands Bureau. For each application reviewed the MCC provides written recommendations and comments for the Bureau□s use. Typically the MCC meets with developers and Town officials during the conceptual stages of planning to help minimize impact to wetlands, open spaces and ecologically significant areas.

The MCC is composed of seven full-time voting members and three alternate members. All commissioners are volunteers from the community. The MCC meets at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Community Development Office conference room. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings. Anyone wishing to present an appropriate matter before the MCC should submit the information in writing to the MCC's Staff Assistant 8 days in advance of the next scheduled meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Accomplishments during 1997

The following is a list of the key activities which have been accomplished in 1997 or are on-going as of this writing:

- Reviewed and prepared letters of recommendation regarding four standard, four expedited and one After-the-Fact Dredge & Fill applications which were brought before the MCC by developers, contractors, local businesses and homeowners.
- Conducted numerous site inspections to evaluate proposed and in-progress projects involving wetlands, open spaces and ecologically significant areas within the Town.
- Investigated environmental concerns from citizens and Town representatives.
- Reviewed conceptual and proposed subdivision plans, and plans and proposals for construction activities on private and public wetlands and within the Aquifer Conservation District.
- Provided support (monetary and staff assistance) for the University of New Hampshire "Lay Lakes Monitoring Program".
- Relative to the 1997 Senior Class Community Service Day, provided high school students with a trail maintenance and clean-up project at Wasserman Park.
- Maintained 13 wood duck boxes within the Town.
- Coordinated and supervised high school students in a project to extend the existing trail past Wildcat Falls at the "80 Acre Conservation Site".
- Sponsored and assisted high school students in the 1997 New Hampshire Envirothon competition on pesticide management.
- Performed "baseline documentation" of the Mitchell Street Conservation area.
- Is currently investigating participation in the NH Adopt-a-Highway program.
- Provided support to high school science class regarding a water testing program.
- Distributed 200 white spruce seedlings to Town residents.
- Reviewed information and provided comments relative to a proposed land swap along the Merrimack River.
- Provided a wetlands identification program which was attended by representatives of the Merrimack Village District, Department of Public Works; the workshop was video taped for future use.
- Attended numerous workshops and training programs including: wetlands identification, Lay Lakes Monitoring, Open Space Preservation and the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.
- Developed a written policy for the submittal of materials/information and the scheduling of presentations at MCC meetings.
- Established a committee to formulate policy regarding wetland buffers within the Town.

- Participated in the Granit Project which catalogues and tracks town conservation lands throughout the state.
- Continued to practice environmental stewardship relative to our friend "Busy Beaver".
- Continued to provide input to the town relative to the Circumferential Highway project.
- Worked with the Merrimack Village District and Well Head Protection Committee to insure the protection of the Town's ground-water supply.
- Provided support for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts on various projects relative to conservation matters.
- Provided input to proposed changes in the zoning ordinances.
- Is currently advocating the nomination of the Merrimack River for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.
- Encouraged the preservation and acquisition of open space.

Membership

The MCC welcomed new full-time members Gary Gagne, Terri Kangas-Feller, James McAveeney and Andy Powell; alternate member Doug Osborne; Selectman Tony Pellegrino the Liaison to the Board of Selectmen; and Sean Goodwin, Community Development Liaison. The MCC wishes to thank Dawn Golub (3/93-3/97) who served as Chairperson for a portion of 1997 and extends to her and her family the best of luck in their new Massachusetts home. The MCC also wants to express our gratitude and thanks for a job well done to long-time members Ted Parmenter (9/81-9/97), Tim Dutton (8/89-2/97) and Tony Pellegrino (3/93-4/97).

Conservation Commission Members

Michael R. Burke, Chairman
Eber Currier, Vice Chairman
Gary Gagne
Terri Kangas-Feller
Jean Lavallee
James C. McAveeney
Andy Powell
Charles Greenhalgh, Alternate
Doug Osborne, Alternate
Tony Pellegrino, BOS Liaison
Sean Goodwin, Comm. Development Liaison
Linda Wilson, Staff Assistant

1997 Annual Report Of The

Office of Emergency Management

Submitted by Charles Q. Hall
Fire Chief

Your Town's Emergency Management organization has been active during the past year, spending considerable time in planning and participating in a town wide disaster, which consisted of a simulated air crash. All of our town agencies and many state agencies participated in this disaster drill. We learned many of our strengths and weaknesses, and are currently working on an update to the Town's Emergency Plan scheduled for completion early in 1998.

1997 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ROSTER

DIRECTOR
Charles Q. Hall

DEPUTY DIRECTOR
Richard A. Todd

John Quintal, Communications Officer

Tony Pellegrino, Public Information Officer

Gerard Beland

Mick Currier, Haz-Mat Spec./LEPC

Wendy P. Todd

Mark Rivet

Wayne Perkins

Steve Bachand

Shawn Kimball

Scott Traurig

Donna Hastings

Craig Peterson

Frances Donohue

Robert L'Heureux

Arthur Stockhausen

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Fire Department

Submitted by Charles Q. Hall
Fire Chief

1997 has been an eventful year for your Fire Department. The addition and renovation to our Central Station is in progress with a completion date of early 1998. This addition will solve our space needs for some time to come as well as, providing a safer environment for our fire fighters.

I wish to thank the fire fighters and citizens for their patience and understanding while our station renovations have been disrupting our normal operations.

Many thanks to the officers and fire fighters for a job well done, and our deep appreciation to the other departments and agencies that assist us in many ways during the year.

PRESENT MEMBERS OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMANENT

Chief Charles Hall
Asst. Chief Howard Young
Fire Marshal Charles Chalk
Captain Laurance Rothhaus
Captain Richard Todd
Captain David Parenti
Captain William Cashin
Lt. Richard Pierson
Lt. Charles Smith
Lt. Scott Simpson
Lt. Ronald Hansen
Mark Akerstrom
Shawn Allison
Richard Barrows
Marc Bechard
Gerard Beland
Daniel Belanger
Joseph Belanger
Brian Borneman
Norman Carr, Jr.
Bruce Cornelius
Thomas Dalton
Brian Dubreuil
Richard Gagne
David Joki
Thomas Kennedy
Jason Marsella
Carl Nelsen
Wayne Perkins
Gregory Regan
David Trepaney
Gary Woodward, Mechanic
Catherine Nadeau, Secretary

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY NUMBER	BUSINESS NUMBER
911	424-3690

CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Deputy Chief Martin Carrier
Lt. Jack Higgins
Lt. Thomas Chmielewski
Ibrahim Azzam
Robert Biron
Roland Blanchette
Joseph Comer
Michael Currier
William Crenshaw
William Balson, Chaplain
William Crenshaw
Robert Foster
Marilyn Hunt
Keith Jeffrey
Shawn Kimball
Manny Marcel
Arthur Stockhausen
Clarence Worster, Fire Warden
Chris Wyman

MUTUAL AID CALLS GIVEN 1997

	Cover Assignment	Direct Response
January	1	8
February	2	1
March	--	5
April	--	3
May	3	1
June	--	2
July	--	5
August	--	4
September	2	6
October	--	4
November	--	4
December	--	5

MUTUAL AID CALLS RECEIVED 1997

	Cover Assignment	Direct Response
January	2	3
February	1	5
March	--	1
April	--	3
May	1	2
June	--	--
July	--	1
August	1	2
September	--	3
October	1	2
November	--	1
December	--	2

1997 FIRE ACTIVITY REPORT

Type of Situation Found Undetermined	3
Structure Fire	47
Outside of Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	26
Tree, Brush, Grass	21
Refuse Fire	5
Explosion No after Fire	2
Search	5
Excessive Heat	3
Air Gas Rupture	2
Emergency Medical	412
Extrication	2
Rescue Call Not Classified	1
Spill Leak no Ignition	41
Chemical Emergency	6
Power Line Down	14
Arching Shorted Electrical	54
Hazardous Condition	39
Wrong Location	4
Vicinity Alarm	1
Lock-Out	52
Water Evacuation	8
Assist Police	82
Cover Assignment	11
Smoke Odor Removal	7
Animal Rescue	1
Unauthorized Burning	22
Service Call Not Classified	31
Good Intent	32
Smoke Scare	68
Controlled Burning	52
Bomb Scare	6
Good Intent Not Classified	123
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken For	4
Malicious Mischievous	8
System Malfunction	134
Unintentional	117
False Call Not Classified	7
Type of Situation Unfounded	4
TOTAL CALLS	**1460***

3 Incidents had separate exposure fires

1997 Annual Report Of The

Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Submitted by Bryan Nowell, Forest Ranger &
Clarence Worster, Forest Fire Warden

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention, and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 Fire Statistics
(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

Fires Reported by County

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
Total Fires	726
Total Acres	177.17

Causes of Fires Reported

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

1997 Annual Report Of The

Fourth of July Committee

Submitted by Brenda S. DuLong
Secretary

The Fourth of July Committee was officially appointed by the Selectmen in March 1997. This decision was made after the resignation of Dr. Dwight Damon was accepted by the Selectmen. The Selectmen wanted to continue the celebration of our nation's birth by having volunteers continue to run a full day of celebration, culminated by a lavish fireworks display.

July 4th, 1997 saw the inception of Merrimack's Favorite Son and Daughter contest, sponsored by Merrimack School of Dance, held in the morning at the bandstand in Abbie Griffin Park. Also presented by the Merrimack School of Dance was a a Patriotic Theme Dance. A Sidewalk Chalk Art contest for all ages was held in the Town Hall parking lot during the morning hours before the start of the annual parade. At noon the residents of Merrimack enjoyed a parade which was led by the Grand Marshall, Mary Moriarty. There were many participants in the parade from children riding their bicycles and being pulled in wagons, fire trucks, town public works vehicles, and other business vehicles, to floats depicting what the people felt was their Ideal Fourth of July, as well as the famous Anheuser-Busch two-hitch team of Clydesdale horses. After the parade, people wandered back to the parking area in front of the High School to observe demonstrations by the Merrimack Ambulance and Rescue Service, and the NH State Police K-9 Unit. There was also a Model Rocket demonstration, a video presentation by the Pearl Harbor Survivors, and the first Pie Baking Contest. Everyone that attended the events at the midway was able to enjoy a wide variety of food and beverages, as well as musical entertainment by the Tomahawk Alumni All-Star Jazz Band and the Dixieland Band. The Boy Scouts sponsored a dunking booth. The finale of the celebration was a thirty five minute long fireworks display presented by Telestar Fireworks.

The allowed budget for the event was $8,500.00. Through the sale of advertisements, commemorative tee-shirts, and midway spaces, the committee raised $4,145.00. Total expense for the occasion was $11,041.55. The printing of signs was donated by The Copy Shop, the printing of event advertisement flyers was donated by Papergraphics, the awards for the sidewalk chalk art contest was donated by Naticook Counseling Resources, P.A. , ice cream cups for parade participants were donated by Hood, and water and certificates for french fries for parade participants were donated by McDonald's.

This event would not have taken place without the assistance of the Merrimack Police, Merrimack Fire, Merrimack Public Works, and Merrimack Ambulance and Rescue Service First Aid personnel.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Public Library

Submitted By Elizabeth Levy
Library Director

Business at the Library continued to be brisk in 1997. Circulation rose to 247,341 from 244,377 in 1996. Use of other library services rose also.

Beginning in January, 1997 you could check out CD-ROM products for children such as *The Way Things Work* or *Where in the World is Carmen SanDiego?* Interactive products for adults and older youth were added in October.

A frame relay line was installed giving direct rather than dial-up Internet access to library customers and staff. The Library also established a website (www.merrimack.lib.nh.us) making it possible for you to search the on-line public access catalog from your home through the Internet. It is hoped that during the next year you will be able to reserve books and other library materials from home as well.

A year-long pilot project allowing GMILCS (an automation consortium of 11 public and academic libraries in southern New Hampshire) member libraries to honor the cards of other member libraries started July 1. This means that if you have a Merrimack Public Library card you can use it at Manchester, Amherst, Bedford, UNHM, Salem or a host of other area libraries.

The lack of space and a need for staff offices led to the difficult decision of closing the Klumpp Meeting Room to community groups and turning the Crafts Room into staff office space. The Klumpp Room is still used for children's programming but also for storage.

In addition to lack of space for people and materials, we have had numerous building problems during the past year. The sump pump and a valve on the boiler had to be replaced, waste water came up through the toilets and flooded part of the downstairs twice in two months leaving staff and customers with no restroom for several hours each time. Fortunately the Wastewater Division of DPW came to our rescue.

The Library staff continues to be wonderful, providing service with a smile in a very inadequate facility. Community members have shown their support through membership in the Friends of the Library, the Library Building Committee, the Library Development Fund, participation in events such as Library Festival Day and the Building for the Future Brick-by-Brick Campaign as well as in everyday volunteer activities.

We are grateful for all of the above mentioned support and for the cooperation and help of the many Departments of the Town of Merrimack. We look forward to providing you Library service in the coming year and hope that we will be providing that service from a more adequate facility in the near future.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Public Library

Submitted by Elizabeth Levy
Library Director

STAFF LIST

Elizabeth Levy	Library Director
Janet Angus	Assistant Director, Head of Automated Services
Patricia Tancill	Administrative Assistant

CIRCULATION STAFF

Madeline Bennett	Library Aide I
Kristin Bristol	Library Aide I
Denise Collette	Library Aide I
Gail Dahl	Library Aide I
Mary Lee Gilmore	Library Aide III
Reina Koistinen	Library Aide I
Jane Loughlin	Library Aide III
Kari McGrath	Library Aide I
Sandra Meehan	Library Aide I
Jennifer Stover	Library Aide I
Heidi Fritz	Page
Daryl Gilmore	Page
David Kenson	Page
Janet Segedy	Page

REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES STAFF

Dianne Hathaway	Head of Reference & Adult Services
Diane Arrato-Gavrish	Reference Librarian
Janet Conover	Reference Librarian
Barbara Tosiano	Reference Librarian
Sandy Harter	Reference Aide I

TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFF

Carolyn White	Technical Services Librarian
Darcy LaBrosse	Library Assistant
Kathy Starr	Library Aide I

YOUTH SERVICES STAFF

Beverly Little	Head of Youth Services
Pauline Cote	Library Aide III
Richard Lepage	Library Aide III
Suzanne Wall	Library Aide III
Matt Delude	Page
Grace Gravelle	Page

CUSTODIAL SERVICES STAFF

Daniel Hastie	Joan Vadney

VOLUNTEERS

Edith Bullard	Jane Cooper
Cat Pragoff	

Merrimack Public Library 1997

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Number of Volumes as of 1/1/97		70051
Number of Volumes added:		
Adult Fiction	1,481	
Adult Non-Fiction	1,698	
Children's Fiction	353	
Children's Non-Fiction	709	
Easy Books	556	
Total Number of Volumes Added		4797
Total Number of Volumes Discarded		778
Total Number of Volumes as of 12/31/97		74070
Number of Children's Audiovisual		341
Number of Art Prints Owned		76
Number of Magazine Subscriptions		9
Number of Newspaper Subscriptions		17
Number of Microfiche		35419
Number of Videocassettes		1414
Number of Audiocassettes		1234
Number of Compact Discs		531
Number of CD ROMs		24

STATISTICAL REPORT

Circulation:	
Adult Fiction	40589
Adult Non-Fiction	48250
Large Print	2914
Young Adult	5399
Paperbacks	4638
Children's Fiction	16940
Children's Non-Fiction	30765
Children's Audiovisual	1972
Easy Books	51653
Periodicals	10799
Sound Recordings	14994
Video Recordings	11008
Compact Discs	4210
CD ROMs	376
Museum Passes	462
Other	2372
Total	**247341**

1997 Annual Report Of The

Library Board of Trustees

Submitted by Ellen Dube
Chairman

After determining the need for a new library by studying years of statistical data, and by commissioning a study by Nolan Lushington, a nationally known library consultant, the Merrimack Public Library Board of Trustees have worked closely since 1995 with a diverse group of community leaders and volunteers.

This group, known as the Merrimack Public Library Building Committee, formed several sub-committees to study the many issues involved.

The library site committee was assigned to study every potentially available 3-5 acre piece of property on Rt. 3 from Bedford Road to Greeley Street. The 3-acre Pynenburg site next to the Post Office was chosen specifically because it was the site closest to the center of town and nearest to the schools. There is no other property nearer to the center of town which is suitable for a large building and parking for 100 vehicles. The Trustees expect the Planning Board to help work out traffic issues. It is also to be hoped that sidewalks will make the building more accessible to walkers. The purchase of this property was approved by Town Meeting in 1996 and the land now belongs to the Town.

The architect selection committee studied 13 formal proposals, chose three architects to interview and visited libraries they had designed. A. Anthony Tappé & Associates, Inc. was chosen. Two designs by this firm have been proposed. One, a 32,000 sq. ft. facility suitable for a population of more than 28,000, was proposed at 1996 Town Meeting but did not achieve a 2/3 vote. A smaller 24,000 sq. ft. building to serve the present population was defeated in 1997. The decision to return to the original, larger sized library, was made by the Board of Trustees with the help of the Library Building Committee. The Trustees feel that allowing for less than $5.3 million will result in a short-term rather than long-term fix to the library space crunch.

Another sub-committee has investigated future uses of the present building. The two most likely uses at the present time are as school administration offices or as a district court facility rented to the state. Although the final disposition of the building will be determined by the voters and the selectmen, the trustees and building committee would be more than willing to be included in this decision and expect that the use will be one bringing needed space or added revenue to our town.

Finally, the fund raising and publicity committees have been working hard over the last three years to raise money for furnishings and to publicize the need for a new library. The committee expects to raise funds and acquire grants more easily once the library is passed. The Merrimack Public Library Development Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization formed specifically to hold these funds, expects to be a long-term fund to benefit the library.

All indications show a lower tax burden can be expected in the next few years because of debt retirement and higher revenues from new construction. Passage of a library bond this year will allow the most expensive years of the bond to be paid before the town takes on the future costs of closure of the landfill.

Since 1979, the date of the opening of the present library addition, most of the town facilities including the schools, the police and fire departments, the water district, and the town hall have been expanded because of population growth and to prepare for the future.

The library building proposed by the Board of Trustees will serve the town for many years and will be constructed so that a second floor can be added over the central portion of the building. The vastly expanded parking, improved handicapped accessibility, space for three public meetings at once, quiet study areas, cabling and wiring for computer expansion, offices to get our employees out of the cellar, and separate areas for children, young adults and adults will provide a library which will take us well into the twenty-first century.

Library Board of Trustees
Ellen Dube, Chairperson
Michael Milligan, Vice Chairperson
Duncan Morrill, Secretary
Pat Heinrich, Treasurer
Robert Kelley

1997 Annual Report Of The

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Submitted by Andrew Singelakis
Executive Director

The end of the 1997 fiscal year marked my arrival as the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. Having grown up in the Nashua region, and having lived in other states, it is a pleasure to be back in New Hampshire. If anyone has any issues of concern regarding local planning, do not hesitate to contact me at the NRPC. We at the NRPC are grateful for the participation of Merrimack's NRPC Commissioners: Jean Weston, Mark Parker and Chris Christensen.

The following is a brief summary of our accomplishments in 1997:

Geographic Information System
Staff applied our GIS resources and technology to a broad variety of local applications in a number of our communities including real property parcel mapping, build out analyses, floodplain and floodway mapping, aquifer protection, development constraints mapping, long range visioning and traffic analyses.

In addition, the Town requested that the NRPC continue to update the Town's zoning database and to produce zoning maps. Maps needed to support a new town center concept have also been provided to the Community Development Department and have been used during public meetings on the topic.

Planning Board Training
The Nashua Regional Planning Commission conducted an evening workshop in April for all member communities. The topic of the workshop was on sound decision making for planning issues. In addition to this, through funding from the Office of State Planning, NRPC produced a video tape on community growth management. The video is available to all local planning commissioners in the region.

Transportation Improvement Program
The NRPC assisted Merrimack in submitting five ISTEA Enhancement project applications for the 1997 round of TIP development. All applications were reviewed and ranked by NRPC and a public participation process was conducted in conjunction with the FY 1999-2008 TIP update.

TravelNet Information System
The NRPC completed the development of a computer based system of transportation related information, such as ridematching availability, transit schedules, airline information, transportation project status reports, currently planned projects and other information. The system will soon be available at public kiosk locations in the region and on the Internet.

Transportation Management Association Feasibility Study

The NRPC conducted a study to determine whether a Transportation Management Association (TMA) would be feasible within the region. TMA is a voluntary, private, nonprofit organization composed of private and public sector representatives. The goal of TMA is to address the reduction in peak hour trip making through the implementation of ridematching services, alternative work schedules and other programs.

Highway Data Collection Program

With automatic counters at over 80 locations throughout the region, NRPC maintained a traffic count system to provide the most accurate and current data to meet the needs of both public agencies and private businesses. The data were published in an annual summary document and distributed to local communities. NRPC worked on the development of a GIS based traffic data reporting system.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Naticook Day Camp Advisory Board

Submitted by Mike Housman
Recreation Director

Enrollment:
Over the course of four, two-week sessions from June 23 through August 15, the camp had an enrollment of 511; that number includes repeat sign-ups. Similar to last year, an estimated 75% of campers were from families who live or work in Merrimack.

Budget:
In calendar 1997, the camp spent $100,855.32 versus $131,004.50 in revenues.

Acknowledgments:
Everyone is involved in Naticook Day Camp in order to serve children and their families, which we believe we certainly do. We provide a valuable resource for parents, and their testimonies speak eloquently of the impact we have.

The Selectmen deserve credit for agreeing to operate a day camp. By doing so, it allows for very productive use of the camp facilities that came with Wasserman Park.

Dean Shankle, Day Camp Advisory Board and especially the dedicated camp staff, merit recognition and our genuine support for making it all work.

A special thank you to Carolyn Disco for all her work in keeping Naticook Day Camp alive and well.

The camp has been a part of Merrimack's history for 60 years and we want to see it continue for many more.

1997 Annual Report

Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted by Michael Housman
Recreation Director

1997 has been a very active year for the P&R Department:

The Parks and Recreation Department administers all parks and recreation sponsored programs on a town - wide basis. We plan and supervise special events and trips, such as: Halloween Hayride, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Parade, Winter Carnival, Santa Calling, and a variety of Recreation sponsored bus trips. We plan, implement and supervise all Parks and Recreation programs, such as Naticook Day Camp. The department also maintains Wasserman Park and handles the scheduling of all the facilities within Wasserman Park.

1) Wasserman Park was once again the site of the Boys and Girls High School State Tennis Championships this past June. We look forward to their return in 1998.

2) Our fifth annual Holiday Parade was held on Sunday, December 7th. We would like to thank everyone who participated in making this years parade our biggest and best parade yet. The theme for this years parade was "Around the World". The 1998 parade will be held Sunday, December 6th. Hope to see you there.

3) Our sixth annual "Halloween Hayride" was held on Saturday, October 25th at Wasserman Park. With the addition of the "Haunted House" this year, the event keeps getting bigger and better. We would like to thank the Merrimack Community Theatre for their continued involvement. We look forward to expanding the Hayride even further in 1998.

4) Our fifth annual "Easter Egg Hunt" was held on March 29th at Wasserman Park. We "hid" over 2800 eggs and watched them disappear in 15 minutes. "Thanks" go out once again, to Norwood Realty in Merrimack for their continued support. The Easter Bunny also made a surprise appearance at the Park.

5) Many private businesses, public organizations and families used Wasserman Park facilities for their programs and gatherings in 1997. The American Cancer Society rented Wasserman Park in May to hold their "Relay for Life" fundraiser. This event was a fantastic success for the American Cancer Society and they have already made plans to return in 1998.

6) Our 3rd annual "Santa Calling" program was once again successful and entertaining. Santa made calls to over 100 children again this season.

7) Winter Carnival was held at Wasserman Park on the 15th of February and once again the weather cooperated. With the addition of the Sno-Buds and an Ice Carving exhibit this year's carnival was quite enjoyable for all who attended. Thanks to the P&R Committee for their continued support in making the carnival a success.

8) During this past year the P&R Department sponsored many successful bus trips. The trips include: Disney on Ice and a Bruins Game. We look forward to more trips in 1998.

Department Goals for the coming year include, but are not limited to:

- Locating and developing new recreational areas to meet the needs of the town.
- Improve existing recreational facilities
- Providing a quality Day Camp program at Wasserman Park.
- Getting more people involved in P&R programs. Adding new programs to get more people involved.
- Continue to improve the buildings and grounds at Wasserman Park.
- Continue to advertise and promote Wasserman Park.
- Maintain a good working relationship with the MYA, Schools, and all other community organizations.

Statistics from Day Camp and Summer Programs

DAY CAMP 1997

Session One
115 Registered Campers
74 Merrimack Residents and 41 Non Resident
27 children took advantage of the Extended Care Program

Session Two
133 Registered Campers (84 Merrimack Residents and 49 Non Residents)
35 children took advantage of the Extended Care Program

Session Three
134 Registered Campers (84 Merrimack Residents and 50 Non Residents)
39 children took advantage of the Extended Care Program

Session Four
131 Registered Campers (86 Merrimack Residents and 45 Non Residents)
38 children took advantage of the Extended Care Program

SUMMER PROGRAMS 1997

Swimming Lessons	- total enrollment 333
Basketball	- total enrollment 194
Tennis	- total enrollment 96
Junior Tennis	56 enrolled
Teen Tennis:	15 enrolled
Adult Tennis:	25 enrolled

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Merrimack for their support.

Parks and Recreation Department

Michael Housman, Director
Perley Rogers, Maintenance Supervisor
Sherry Kalish, Office Manager

Parks and Recreation Committee

Drucilla Movizzo
Tony Trembley
Phil Dube
Laura Jaynes
Lonnie Dubois
Connie Halvatzes, MYA Rep.
Norma French, Senior Citizen Rep.
Chris Christensen,Selectmen Rep.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Planning Board

Submitted by Nelson R. Disco
Chairman

The Merrimack Planning Board held thirty-six meetings during 1997. The Board reviewed six subdivision plans and approved a total of six new conventional residential building lots compared to fifty-eight in 1996. Other residential applications approved included four home occupations and one lot merger plan which resulted in the consolidation of one hundred and forty-one non-conforming lots into one conforming lot in the subdivision known as Brookside Estates.

During 1997 six additional industrial lots were approved. Industrial site plans approved included a second three story parking garage at Fidelity, a 50,400 square foot building at Merrimack Technology Park, a self storage facility, three communication tower facilities, an earth removal plan, and expansion plans for the ChemFab Corporation and Jones Chemical.

Requests for waiver of non-residential site plan review for expansions were granted for Codem Systems, Sanders, R. Leonard, D Herget, One Line Driving Range, Madden's, Twin Bridge Road office facility, and the M. Rivet crematorium.

Commercial site plans approved included a 69 unit hotel, a day care center, a hair salon/day spa, a medical office building, an addition to a shopping center, an expansion of an elderly care facility,

Under discussion at the close of the year were an auto sales and service facility, three Planned unit developments totaling 279 units, a garden center, a shopping center expansion, improvements to Mast Road, and a fifteen lot residential subdivision.

Workshops and discussions were held throughout the year and continue related to groundwater protection, the Nashua/Hudson Circumferential Highway, the Manchester Airport Access Road, and a Town Build-out Study.

Meetings were held on a monthly basis dedicated to the discussion of a Town Center Plan. Citizen participation was an important component of the development of this plan. Professional planners who have worked on the development of such plans in other communities were invited to speak at these meetings and to share their experiences in this field of endeavor. This project is on-going an conclusions should be reached within the next twelve months.

Zoning Ordinance amendments proposed and adopted at the Town's May Annual Meeting included a definition of the terms airport/heliport/ aircraft, clarification of permitted uses relative to the use of aircraft in all zones, changes in the permitted uses in the industrial C zone to allow athletic fields and indoor or outdoor skating facilities, amending the ordinance to permit the replacement of in-kind septic systems within the 20' setback requirement, the identify the zoning districts using more standard naming conventions, amending the boundaries of the General Commercial, Limited Commercial, and Planned Residential districts in the northeasterly section of Town, and the upgrading of the Aquifer Conservation District map, permitted uses, and review opportunities. A petitioned article which would have rezoned two tracts in the residential zone to commercial failed to pass.

In May, Nelson Disco was re-elected Chairman and John Segedy was re-elected Secretary to the Board. In May Norman Carr joined the Board as Selectmen's representative. In April Edna Conway was appointed to a term as a full member of the Board. In June, Jan Lint was appointed to a term as a full member of the Board. In June, Robert Boisvert advised the Board that he would not be seeking re-appointment to the Board as he plans to move from the community. At the present time the Board consist of five full members; Chairman Nelson Disco, Secretary John Segedy, Arthur (Pete) Gagnon, Edna Conway, Jan Lint, Selectmen's Representative Norman Carr, and alternate member Jiri Hajek. It is hoped that in 1998 a full Board will be in place and that additional alternates will be appointed.

Jay Minkarah, Community Development Director and Jean Weston, Secretary, with the clerical staff of the Community Development Department, Code Enforcement and Health Officer Divisions continue to serve as staff to the Planning Board

1997 Annual Report Of The

Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Joseph R. Devine
Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, I herewith submit my report for the Merrimack Police Department for the period covering January I, 1997 through November 30, 1997.

This publication identifies the dedicated men and women who serve the Merrimack community day-in and day-out, describes many of the tasks which your Police Department/Communications Center is called upon to perform and illustrates some of the events of the past twelve months.

As indicated in this report our clearance rate for Part #1 and Part#2 crimes remains above the national average. We feel that this is noteworthy in view of the fact that we are located between two major cities and as a community we are continuing to experience growth as a community oriented police department we are always looking for ways to interact with our community in that we recognize that our mission is, and will continue to be, one of service to the Merrimack community. Programs that we participated in are enclosed for your review and comment.

We thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and most of all the citizens of our community for their support.

Your police department takes great pleasure in serving you and we welcome your visits to inspect <u>your</u> police station.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1997

- Merrimack Honor Guard participated in Merrimack's 4th of July and holiday parades.
- December 1996-November 1997 a total of 49 burglaries reported with 37% cleared.
- December 1996 - December 1997 drug arrests totaled 122 individuals
- Elementary school reading program in grades 1 through 3 continued and received much enthusiasm by students.
- Accomplished department goals for career development in 1997
- Off. Michael Murray received the award entitled ALooking beyond the Traffic Ticket presented by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.
- 1997 saw one promotion and one transfer, Det, Richard Desmond was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant and Master Patrolman Daniel Edmonds was transfered to the Detective Division.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

CHIEF OF POLICE

Joseph R. Devine

PATROL

Deputy Chief William Mulligan - Patrol Commander

Lt. Mark Doyle - Assistant Patrol Commander

Lt. Michael Dudash - Shift Supervisor

Lt. Lawrence Westholm - Shift Supervisor

Sgt. Peter Albert - Asst. Shift Supervisor

Sgt. John Maille - Asst. Shift Supervisor

Sgt. Paul Trepaney - Asst. Shift Supervisor

Sgt. Richard Desmond - Asst. Shift Supervisor

Off. Brian Boulay

Off. Timothy Connell

Off. John Dudash

Off. Dennis Foley

Off. Dean Killkelley

Off. Walter Kwiecinski

Off. Ronald Levierge

Off. Christopher Morency

Off. Michael Murray

Off. Edward Pane

Off. Scott Park

Off. Denise Roy

Off. Carl Scott

Off. Kenneth Stimson

Off. Matthew Tarleton

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Det/Lt. Michael Milligan - Unit Commander

Det. James Hughes

Det. Theodore Curtis

Det. Daniel Edmonds

Juv/Det. Ronald Ketchie

Det. Paul Poirier

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE DIVISION

Captain Paul Stavenger

Lt. William Miller - Department Prosecutor

Off. Bradford Cross - Community Service Officer

Carol Yule - Office Manager

Barbara Mitchell - Secretary to the Detective Unit

Kathleen Hart - Records

Judy York - Records

Holly Estey - Records

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

Willard Brown - Animal Control Officer

Nancy Gilbert - Part/time Animal Control Officer

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

S/O James Connelly

S/O Theodore Dillon

S/O Christopher Murphy

S/O Joseph Goodridge

S/O John Orleans

S/O Eric Sobel

S/O William Soucy

S/O Matthew Lacquerre

S/O William McGowan

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Roy Ingerson

Ellen White

PATROL DIVISION ACTIVITY AND SERVICE FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1997

During l997 your police department responded to a total of 12,849 requests for service.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE BY BEATS:

	1995	1996	1997
Beat #1	3,177	2,816	2,646
Beat #2	4,568	4,092	4,559
Beat #	3,031	2,569	2,676
Beat #4	1,701	1,512	l,479
	12,849	10,989	11,360

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE BY TIME OF DAY

0700 - 1500 HOURS	5,458	4,550	
1500 - 2300 HOURS	5,021	4,317	4,495
2300 - 0700 HOURS	2,370	2,122	2,267
	12,849	10,989	11,360

OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY

Ambulance Assists	806	733	723
Bomb Threats	2	2	1
Fire Department Assists	1,015	760	884
Animal Complaints	882	879	821
Bank Escorts	14	3	22
Missing Persons	97	104	88
House Checks	382	361	393
Unsecured Premises	326	291	379
Good Morning Calls	1,747	1,495	l,691
MotorVehicle Lockouts	227	197	248
Bank Checks	24	26	142
Burglar Alarms	761	594	756

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division of the Merrimack Police Department is comprised of twenty-three (23) dedicated, professional full-time officers. The division is supplemented by Special Police Officers.

All the officers in the Patrol Division are committed to community policing. They are under the command of the Deputy Chief of Police.

The men and woman in the Patrol Division are on duty 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. They are committed to excellence and service to the community.

They are involved in bicycle patrols, directed patrols, the Honor Guard, Operation Safe Return, the school reading program, and the walk-along program. All these programs are designed to better serve the community.

During 1997 the patrol division responded to 12,849 requests for service of which 1,506 were part #I and/or Part #2 crimes. Of this total 38% were cleared by arrest, with your patrol division being the primary responder. The professional ability of this effective division is witnessed by the many "atta-boy" letters, and/or letters commending individual officers for their assistance in helping them during the calendar year 1997.

CRIME FACTORS

The presence of crime is a matter of serious concern, not only to the law enforcement profession, but to society at large. Some factors affecting the volume and type of crimes occurring from place to place are:

- Population density and degree of urbanization in a given area.
- Stability of population with respect to resident's mobility, commuting patterns and transient factors.
- Modes of transportation and highway system.
- Economic conditions, including income and job availability.
- Family conditions with respect to divorce & family cohesiveness.
- Effective strength of law enforcement agency. Attitudes of citizenry toward crime.
- Crime reporting practices of citizenry.

CRIMES CLEARED BY POLICE IN 1997

A crime is cleared when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense and turned over to the courts for prosecution. Several crimes may be cleared by the arrest of one person, while the arrest of many persons may clear only one crime. The police may also clear a crime by exceptional means when some element beyond the control of law enforcement precludes the placing of formal charges against the person. Examples of an exceptional clearance would be the death of the offender, or the victim's refusal to cooperate with police.

Of particular interest to the citizens of our town are crimes against the person and crimes against the property of another. These crimes are classified as Part #1 and Part #2 crimes and are reportable to the State of New Hampshire each month.

PART #1 OFFENSES

	1997			1996		
	*REP.	*CLR.	*UNF.	REP.	CLR.	UNF.
0100 Murder	0			0		
0200 Rape	1	1		0		
0300 Robbery	0			2	1	
0400 Assault (Aggravated)	4	4		8	7	
0500 Burglary	49	18		39	12	
Residence	28	11		28	9	
Non-residence	21	21		11	3	
0600 Larceny	380	50	4	299	77	5
Over $50	205	31	4	195	45	5
Under $50	175	19		104	32	
0700 Auto Theft	17	8	1	I1	3	1
0800 Assault (Simple)	I07	89		92	84	1
0900 Arson	I	1	1	4	1	1
TOTAL	**558**	**169**	**6**	**455**	**185**	**8**

* REP. = REPORTED
CLR. = CLEARED
UNF. = UNFOUNDED

PART #2 OFFENSES

	1997			1996		
	*REP.	*CLR.	*UNF.	REP.	CLR.	UNF.
1000 Forgery & Counterfeiting	7	4		9	8	
1100 Fraud	36	26		28	12	1
1200 Embezzlement	1	1		0		
1300 Possessing Stolen Prop.	7	6		7	7	
1400 Crim.Mischief	313	25		218	16	
Over $100	144	14		88	7	
Under $100	169	11		130	9	
1500 Weapons Carrying & Poss.	2	2		1	1	
1600 Prostitution	1	1		1	0	
1700 Sex Offenses	20	9	1	21	9	4
1800 Narcotic Off	75	75		72	72	
1900 Gambling Off	0	0		0		
2000 Off. Against Family & Child	5	0	1	8	5	
2100 OUIL	62	62		73	72	1
2200 Liquor Law Violations	82	82		138	138	
2300 Intoxication	78	78		45	45	
2400 Disorderly Conduct	15	12		14	10	

	1997 *REP.	*CLR.	*UNF.	1996 REP.	CLR.	UNF.
2600 Other Offenses	245	89		252	32	
TOTAL Part II	**949**	**472**	**2**	**887**	**443**	**6**

*REP. = REPORTED *CLR. = CLEARED *UNF. = UNFOUNDED

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY *

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

	1997	1996	1995
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0	1	0
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	68	67	82
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	461	407	368
NON-INVESTIGATED ACCIDENTS	54	57	66
	583	**532**	**516**

ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MOTOR VEHICLES SUMMONS	2,101	1,975	I,826
SUMMONS ISSUED AT ACCIDENTS	28	19	22
SUMMONS ISSUED WITH REPORTS	265	213	224
O.U.I.L. ARRESTS AT ACCIDENTS	11	14	10
O.U.I.L. ARRESTS (NON-ACCIDENT)	62	73	72
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	36	80	I71
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	7,852	7,325	7,325
D.E. TAGS ISSUED	1,284	964	1,303
	11,639	**10,663**	**10,953**

*From December 1996 through November 1997

"DRIVE DEFENSIVELY AT ALL TIMES"

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO
OCCUR IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK BETWEEN
THE HOURS OF:

7 A.M. / 8 A.M.	=	40 ACCIDENTS
11 A.M. / 12 P.M.	=	36 ACCIDENTS
12 P.M. / 1 P.M.	=	46 ACCIDENTS
2 P.M. / 3 P.M.	=	40 ACCIDENTS
3 P.M. / 4 P.M.	=	42 ACCIDENTS
4 P.M. / 5 P.M.	=	35 ACCIDENTS
5 P.M. / 6 P.M.	=	51 ACCIDENTS

DURING 1997 BETWEEN THE HOURS LISTED ABOVE
A TOTAL OF 290 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCURRED WITHIN OUR TOWN.

"DRIVE DEFENSIVELY AT ALL TIMES"

DID YOU KNOW?

WALKING THROUGH THE YEARS...PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FOR OLDER ADULTS

Nearly one out of four pedestrian fatalities is someone 65 or older. Yet older adults represent only 13 percent of the population. The older adult has fewer pedestrian/vehicle collisions than many other age groups, but when they do, the results are more apt to be serious. Improve the odds...see and be seen.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1997

	1997	1996
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	882	879
CRUELTY REPORTS	22	11
BITES REPORTED	23	32
ABATES SERVED	96	7
RUNNING AT LARGE	377	274
NUISANCE OFFENSE	31	25
MENACE OFFENSE	74	21
VICIOUS OFFENSE	3	6
SUMMONS SERVED	18	75
STRAY FARM ANIMALS	18	7
WILD LIFE CALLS	184	233
DOGS IMPOUNDED	76	110
DOGS RELEASED TO OWNERS	83	122
DOGS ADOPTED	12	10
DOGS TAKEN TO N.H.S. FOR CREMATION	2	1
DOGS RELEASED TO N.H.S.	7	13
CATS IMPOUNDED	0	21
CATS RELEASED TO OWNERS	5	9
CATS ADOPTED	0	8
CATS TAKEN TO N.H.S. FOR CREMATION	42	51
CATS RELEASED TO N.H.S	5	17

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 1996 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1997

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

	TOWN ORDINANCE **YTD**	STATE VIOLATIONS **YTD**
SPEED.		262
UNINSPECTED		15
UNREGISTERED		50
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY		9
REVOCATION/SUSPENSION		99
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.		70
NO VALID LICENSE		66
STOP SIGN		9
TRAFFIC LIGHT		28
SOLID LINE		12
FUEL USER PERMIT		0
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS		0
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.		4
PARKING VIOLATIONS	1	4
RECKLESS OPERATION		27
MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS		160

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

	TOWN ORDINANCE YTD	STATE VIOLATIONS YTD
CRIMINAL TRESPASS.		18
BAD CHECKS		1
SEX OFFENSES		10
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF		6
ASSAULT/RECKLESS CONDUCT		54
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS		5
RESISTING ARREST		1
DRUG CASES		102
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		11
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL.		96
THEFT		37
MISCELLANEOUS.		39

FELONIES

INDICTED BY GRAND JURY	36
PROBABLE CAUSE IN DISTRICT COURT	45

JUVENILE CASES -	DEC. 1996 - NOV. 1997
DECEMBER	10
JANUARY	20
FEBRUARY	12
MARCH	13
APRIL	13
MAY	14
JUNE	27
JULY	20
AUGUST	15
SEPTEMBER	25
OCTOBER	21
NOVEMBER	6

TYPES OF CASES

05	BURGLARY; BREAKING AND ENTERING	8
06	LARCENY - THEFT (EXCEPT AUTO THEFT)	13
07	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3
08	ASSAULTS (EXCEPT AGGRAVATED ASSAULT)	12
09	ARSON	1
11	FRAUD	1
13	STOLEN PROPERTY; BUYING, RECEIVING, POSS.	2
14	VANDALISM	14
15	WEAPONS	1
17	SEXUAL ASSAULT/INDECENT EXPOSURE	5
18	DRUGS; POSS, SALES, MANUFACTURING	17
22	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	3
23	INTOXICATION	25
26	ALL OTHER OFFENSES (EXCEPT TRAFFIC)	26
28	UNCONTROLLABLE	4
29	RUNAWAYS	58
34	MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS (UNDER 16)	3

DECEMBER 1996 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1997

AGE GROUPS	NO. OF JUVENILES
10 years of age	2
11 years of age	2
12 years of age	8
13 years of age	8
14 years of age	44
15 years of age	64
16 years of age	74
17 years of age*	29

*NOTE: 17 year-olds are only considered minors in situations of runaway, protective custody, uncontrollable behavior, etc. In criminal situations, 17-year-olds are now considered adults.

JUVENILES INVOLVED

Male - 174 Female - 57

RESIDENCE

Local	New Hampshire (other)	Out of State
180	48	3

DISPOSITION

1.	Handled within Department and released	128
2.	Referred to Juvenile Court	93
3.	Referred to Welfare Agency	10
4.	Referred to Other Police Agency	0
5	Referred to Criminal or Adult Court	0

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

The D.A.R.E. (**D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation) Program has been part of the Merrimack school system since 1989. This program is taught in grades 2 and 4 and the entire core class of 6th graders.

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative effort by D.A.R.E.-certified law enforce-ment officers, educators, students, parents, and community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The emphasis of the "Officer's Guide to D.A.R.E. to Resist Drugs and Violence, Student Workbook, Grades 5-6", is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence.

The D.A.R.E. Program offers preventive strategies to enhance those protective factors - especially bonding to the family, school and community - which appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors. Researchers have identified certain protective and social bonding factors in the family, school, and community which may foster resiliency in young people, in other words, the capacity of young people for healthy, independent growth in spite of adverse conditions. These strategies focus on the development of social competence, communication skills, self-esteem, empathy, decision-making, conflict resolution, sense of purpose and independence, and positive alternative activities to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

D.A.R.E. lessons focus on:

- Acquiring skills to resist peer pressure.
- Enhancing self-esteem.
- Learning about positive alternatives to substance use.
- Learning anger management and conflict resolution skills.
- Developing risk-assessment and decision-making skills.
- Reducing violence.
- Building interpersonal and communication skills.
- Resisting gang involvement.
- Strong attention to tobacco resistance techniques for minors.

The D.A.R.E. Program has reached nearly 4,600 Merrimack school children since 1989.

NIU ARRESTS - DECEMBER 1996 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1997

December 1996

(11) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(2) 3 Counts - Sale of a Narcotic Drug, Crack Cocaine

(1) 3 Counts - Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine

January 1997

(9) Possession of a Controlled Drug

February 1997

(5) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) a. Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Heroin)
b. Possession of a Controlled Drug

(2) a. Sale of a Narcotic Drug (Heroin)
b. Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to distribute
c. Sale of a Controlled Drug

March 1997

(8) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) Dispensing a Controlled Drug

April 1997

(6) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) Sale of Prescription Drugs

(1) a. Possession of Narcotic Drug with intent to distribute (Ecstasy)
b. Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) a. Possession of a Narcotic Drug with intent to distribute (Cocaine)
b. Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1] Conspiracy to Purchase a Narcotic Drug with intent to distribute (cocaine)

May 1997

(4) Possession of a Controlled Drug

June 1997

(12) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) Dispensing a Narcotic Drug

(1) a. Possession of a Hallucinogenic Drug (psilocybin mushrooms)
b. Possession of a Controlled Drug

(2) Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to distribute (marijuana)
(1) a. Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to distribute (marijuana)
b. Possession of a Narcotic Drug (cocaine)

July 1997

(17) Possession of a Controlled Drug

August 1997

(3) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(2) a. Possession of a Narcotic Drug with intent to distribute (crystal methamphetamine)
b. Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Venzafaxine)
c. Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Risperidone)
d. Possession of a Controlled Drug (marijuana)

(2) Possession of a Hallucinogic Drug (psilocybin mushrooms)

September 1997

(3) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to distribute (marijuana)

October 1997

(5) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) 2 cts. Sale of a Narcotic Drug (crystal methamphetamine)

November 1997

(2) Possession of a Controlled Drug

December 1997

(17) Possession of a Controlled Drug

(1) 2 Cts. Sale of a Controlled Drug (Marijuana)

(1) a. 1 Ct. Possession of a Controlled Drug, (Marijuana)

b. 1 Ct. Possession of a Controlled Drug with the intent to distribute, (Hashish)

c. 3 Cts. Possession of Narcotics with the intent to distribute, (Prescription Drugs)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division of the Merrimack Police Department conducts criminal investigations into crimes against persons and property. The division also lends investigative support to other municipal arms of town government. The unit is comprised of six detectives. The division is commanded by a Lieutenant.

The unit has three detectives assigned to conduct criminal investigations. One detective is designated as the departments Juvenile Officer. the Juvenile Officer monitors and follows all cases involving juveniles, both criminally and those where intervention services such as diversion and/or counseling are appropriate. This detective also provides the Merrimack School District with a comprehensive D.A.R.E. program.

Two detectives are assigned to the Narcotics Unit, with one assigned to the New Hampshire Drug Task Force through a grant from the State of New Hampshire.

RESPONSIVENESS TO THE COMMUNITY

As law enforcement officers our fundamental duty is to serve the community, safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder and to request theconstitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

The total needs of the community must become an integral part of all programs designed to carry out our mission.

Your police Department serves you in a variety of ways. We serve by controlling traffic, giving aid in emergency situations, investigating crime, handling complaints, writing reports, controlling crowds, testifying in court and most important patrolling neighborhoods.

Your police department continues to be responsive to the needs of our community by continuing programs which allow the community to have input into the service we provide, such as our Officer's Appraisal Program, community Services, officer's interaction to community groups and our open door policy for all members of the Merrimack community.

Our challenge is to improve on the service we now provide.

COMMUNITY POLICING

AVAILABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Neighborhood Crime Watch
Stranger Awareness
Child Abuse
Theft & Shoplifting
Home & Bus. Security Surveys
Drug & Alcohol Abuse
Driving under the Influence
Operation House Check
Good Morning program
Rape Awareness/Defense
Operation Safe Return

Bicycle Safety
School Bus Safety
Highway Safety
Emergency Response & Liab.
Baby-sitter Safety
Halloween Safety
Station Tours
Operation identification
Child Safety Seat Lending
(Kiwanis sponsored)
Disconnect the Violence

PROGRAMS REQUESTED BY THE CITIZENS OF MERRIMACK IN 1997 INCLUDE:

St. James Kindergarten
A.C.T. Kindergarten
P.T.A. Kindergarten
So. Merrimack Christ. Kind.
Toll House Preschool
Kidd's Inn Preschool
Children's World Preschool
Senior Center
Merrimack High School
Merrimack Middle School
Mastricola Elem.School
Grace Baptist School
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Tiger Cub Scouts
Project Safeguard

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Advisory Committee Project Safeguard
Police Coordinator Merrimack Crimeline, Inc.

Community policing brings police and citizens together to prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems. With community policing the police become part of the neighborhood and they get a better sense of resident's needs, which brings more trust in the police. The other side has the residents "join" the police force. Residents and police work together to achieve a common goal...a safe neighborhood. The emphasis is now on stopping crime before it happens.

Community policing in Merrimack is accomplished by our bicycle patrol, by our department walk-a-long program, elementary school reading program and our direct patrol program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

1. GOOD MORNING MERRIMACK

Senior citizens and people with disabilities call the Communications Center each morning between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM to report that all is well with them. If they fail to make the "Good Morning Merrimack" call, a police officer is sent to their residence to check on them.

2. HOUSE CHECKS

Holiday and vacation seasons bring many requests from the public for the police to check on residences when they leave for either the holiday and/or vacation.

The Department makes an effort to get by these vacant homes at least once each day.

3. OFFICERS APPRAISAL PROGRAM

Each six weeks one complainant each police officer has had contact with is revisited and questioned pertaining to:

a Was complainant satisfied with response time? If priority was given to other call was the citizen told this by dispatch when she/he reported the incident?

b. Attitude of dispatcher?

c. How was the officer's appearance?

d. What did the police officer do and was the citizen satisfied with what he did?

e Questioned as to what we could do to improve our service to the public.

4. DEPARTMENT WALK-A-LONG PROGRAM

Each shift the supervisor directs each police officer to two particular locations. The police officer parks his police vehicle and walks the area for 30 to 60 minutes. Public contacts are made and the locations may well be a shopping center or a condo development.

5. BICYCLE PATROL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Officers assigned to bicycle patrol park their police vehicle at a safe-house, remove bicycle from the patrol car and patrol a given area on the bicycle. In each neighborhood he must make one contact with a citizen. If the officer receives a call for service he returns to his police vehicle and answers said call.

6. GOALS/OBJECTIVES

Each squad selects areas they will concentrate on during the six week cycle they will be working in, selecting various areas according to the shift and documentation is returned showing how they met their quota.

7. SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

During the hours between 7:00 a.m./3:00 p.m. officers are assigned to the elementary schools, grades I through 3, to read a story and answer questions that the youngsters may have. A very worthwhile program that brings the department into a very positive light with the students.

8. SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

Support and participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run and opening ceremonies at the New Hampshire Special Olympics program in Durham, New Hampshire.

9. ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Participation in the State of New Hampshire Public Service Accreditation Program. The Department is moving along towards level #1 accreditation.

10. DIRECTED PATROL

Selective enforcement or "Directed Patrol" is given to areas within the community that have experienced an increase in a particular crime or dangerous situation. For example, if there was a road in town that had just been repaved and the speed of the motorists increased we would set up a direct patrol to monitor the traffic. If a particular area of town had experienced an increase in vandalism or theft we would set up a directed patrol in these areas, to establish a higher police presence, determine the cause of the situation and to take steps to deter further problems.

11. POLICE HONOR GUARD

The members of this unit participate in community activities whenever asked. This award winning Honor Guard brings honor and credit to the Police Department and the Town of Merrimack.

12. OPERATION SAFE RETURN

This program is a voluntary program administered by the Merrimack Police Department and offered to the citizens of Merrimack as a means of enrolling memory / non-verbal persons with the police to ensure their safe, dignified return to their home or place of care. This program is available to all persons school age and older.

13. DISCONNECT THE VIOLENCE

This program is designed for men and women who are victims of domestic violence. The department has available several cellular telephones to loan to those who qualify. These telephones allow the victims of domestic violence to travel anywhere with the safety and security of knowing that assistance is just a phone call away.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Merrimack Police Department continues to make training a high priority. It has been shown that a well trained police force is directly linked to a professional police force. It is our continued goal to present to this community the highest in professionalism and well trained staff.

The New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council has been our primary source for training, however, other outside agencies have supplemented our training resources.

The column entitled (# of officers) reflects the number of officers that have attended outside training during that particular month. The (# of hours) column represents the number of training hours that the officers attended.

Month	# of Officers	# of hours
January	9	138
February	8	144
March	11	296
April	24	596**
May	22	464**
June	13	386**
July	0	0
August	3	112
September	5	160
October	9	112
November	6	176
December	5	152
	TOTAL	**2736 hours**

** Denotes firearm transition education. The department transitioned from a revolver to a 40 cal. semi-automatic which required transition training. Each officer was required to participate and successfully complete a 24 hour classroom and range class.

These figures do not include such training hours as Intoxilyzer Recertification and other re-certifications as required by the State. Intoxilyzer re-certification was 96 hours and each officer was required to qualify with their service weapon those hours were 336. In-house roll call training which is training given to each squad by their respective squad commanders and usually occurs prior to their shift was approximately 78 additional hours. The 2736 hours figures to be an average of 24 hours per officer per year.

1997 Report Of The

Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center

Submitted by Paul V. Stavenger
Police Captain

Assistant Supervisor

Paul Bolieau

Dispatchers

Michele Dudash

Laura Killian

Anna Chaput

Matthew Pheifer

Rita Houle

Emanuel Marcel
(part-time)

9-1-1

The State has adopted E-**9-1-1**, this is a service available to every community in New Hampshire. If you require immediate emergency assistance from either the Police, Fire or Ambulance please use this service and dial **9-1-1**.

When you dial **9-1-1**, a **9-1-1** operator in Concord N.H. will answer the telephone. He or she will know from where you are calling as the address of the telephone location will come up on a computer terminal. The operator will then ask you if you require Fire, Police or Ambulance. During this time the 9-1-1 operator has already connected the Merrimack Police Dispatch Center and a dispatcher from the department is monitoring the call. The Merrimack Dispatcher will then immediately send to you the required emergency personnel.

DO use **9-1-1,** however, if you accidentally dial **9-1-1** please do **NOT** hang up, stay on the line and let the dispatcher know that it was in error, otherwise a police officer will visit you at the location from where the telephone call came from to ensure that all is ok.

For any business call dial **424-3774**.

Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center
Activity during 1997

Telephone calls placed	13,360
Telephone calls received	65,104
Radio Transmissions	334,914
9-1-1 calls	5,000
Burglar Alarms answered	749
Good Morning Calls	1720

The Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center under went some changes during the calendar year. We have 4 new dispatchers on board to replace those who had left. We hope to have all of our new dispatchers certified as a Level 1 Public Safety Dispatcher, two of our full time and one of our part-time dispatchers currently have this status.

During the "BIG" storm of December 1996, a large portion of Merrimack was without power. Our Dispatch Center was no exception, although our police station has a generator, the radio transmission equipment atop the water tower on Hutchinson Road did not. Our radio capabilities were severely limited due to this fact. Since then we have placed an emergency generator at this location which will provide emergency power to the transmission equipment assuring that the problem we experienced during that storm will not occur again.

I want to thank all of the dispatchers for their patience and understanding during the personnel transition and for their continued professionalism. I would also like to thank the Town Manager, Department Heads, and the members of the Board of Selectmen for their support, which has a direct result in the level of professionalism given to our community.

I encourage ALL to come and visit your police station.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Department of Public Works

Submitted by Earl M. Chesley, P.E.
Director of Public Works and Engineering

The Department of Public Works continues to provide additional services to our community while maintaining stable expenditures. Previously, the Department had assumed the responsibility of maintaining the Town's fire equipment and apparatus; this past year the Department assumed the responsibility of maintaining the Town's parks and athletic fields. Our staff has enjoyed the opportunity to be of service to our community, including our youth, who regularly use these recreational facilities.

The Department continued to invest in our municipal infrastructure. A new interceptor sewer was constructed on Continental Boulevard through the Exit 11 Interchange with the F.E. Everett Turnpike. This project will allow our local industries along Continental Boulevard to continue to prosper. We appreciate the community's patience while it was being built. The Department also continued its efforts to reconstruct Baboosic Lake Road with another section being completed by our Highway Division this summer. The Highway Division also built interim improvements to Seaverns Bridge Road and completed drainage improvements at Hancock Lane, Quincy Lane, Pilgrim Way and Baboosic Lake Road. The Highway Division also began construction of a new park on Turkey Hill Road near the Souhegan River.

The Equipment Maintenance Division continued its efforts to more effectively maintain the Town's vehicles and construction equipment. A computer based inventory management system was implemented which will be integrated with the Town's fuel distribution system to better identify vehicular operating cost. The Division's fabrication shop continues to develop to serve the Town's needs.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division continued their efforts to encourage residents to recycle and extend the life of our landfill. The Division composted approximately 3,000 cubic yards of leaf and yard waste which was provided to our homeowners at no charge, recycled and market almost 2,500 tons of recyclable materials, and disposed approximately 20,000 tons of refuse. Recognizing that Merrimack is a leader in recycling, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services used our Recycling Center as a training location this year.

The Building and Grounds Division continued to keep our Town Hall Complex and Police Station in excellent shape. They provided additional landscaping to the entrance of our Communtiy Development Office, had a building sprinkler system installed in our Old Town Hall to help protect this local historic resource from fire, and had new carpets installed in the New Town Hall.

The Wastewater and Compost Division also upgraded the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility with a design of a Septage Receiving Facility. This project will be constructed this year so that the plant can better meet the demands of those homes that are served by septic systems. The facility will also permit us to expand our service area, and subsequently maintain stable rates for our users.

We would also like to welcome Dave Lent, as our new Assistant Director. Dave brings twenty-five years of engineering and construction experience to the Department. He is a professional engineer and holds a degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University. Dave replaces John Starkey who is now the Public Works Director in Amherst. Also, the Department promoted Joe Maguire to Foreman, Bob Sullivan to Equipment Operator III and Larry Gay to Equipment Operator II, Bill Gilbody was promoted to Mechanic II and Louis Lapointe was promoted to Equipment Operator I. We welcome the full time assignment of Tom Hudon and Steve Curtis from the Parks and Recreation Department and Wayne Lombard as a new Equipment Operator I.

All in all, it was a successful year. Some notable accomplishments are listed below:

ADMINISTRATION / ENGINEERING

- Technical advisor to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, Nashua Area Regional Transportation Committee, and Nashua Regional Solid Waste District.
- Technical advisor to the Merrimack Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Merrimack Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Merrimack Planning Board.
- Administered construction of Continental Boulevard Sewer Interceptor.
- Administered design of Thornton Road Bridge and Tinker Road Bridge.
- Continued negotiations with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding winter dump and landfill closure.
- Administered design/build contract for the Central Fire Station Addition and Renovation.
- Coordinated Baboosic Lake Road Sidewalk Project.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

- Awarded annual contract for Town wide street sweeping, cemetery maintenance, and public grounds maintenance.
- Resurfaced Amherst Road from Peaslee Road to Meetinghouse Road, Turkey Hill Road from West Chamberlain to Meetinghouse Road, and Bedford Road from Joppa Road to Wire Road.
- Reconstructed a portion of Baboosic Lake Road including installation of a stormwater drainage system.
- Reconstructed a portion of Seaverns Bridge Road including installation of a stormwater drainage system.
- Performed inspections of subdivision streets and related improvements at Whittier Place, Wethersfield, Tinker Woods, Sleepy Hollow, Weston Estates, Picket Fence, Technology Park, Souhegan Woods and Brookfield Acres.
- Maintained twenty-eight athletic fields.
- Began construction of a new park on Turkey Hill Road.
- Coordinated Operation Brightside Program.
- Assisted Conservation Commission with beaver control.
- Installed drainage improvements on Woodland Drive, Pearson Road, Back River Road, Shore Drive, Hadley Road, Penrose Lane, Berkley Street, Davidson Avenue, Cathy Street, Mullikan Way, Minuteman Avenue, Amherst Road and Acacia Street.
- Completed cleaning street right-of-ways of brush and tree limbs from December ice storm.
- Installed new underground fuel tanks at the Highway Garage.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Set up two new police cruisers and police captain vehicle including installation of emergency light, painting, radio, and related police equipment.
- Set up three 4 x 4 pick-up trucks including installation of emergency lights, painting, radio, tool box and related public works equipment.
- Refurbished one 1989 all wheel drive dump truck.
- Refurbished two 1987 Class C dump trucks.
- Maintained and repaired all police vehicles, fire trucks and equipment, public works trucks and equipment, and town owned vehicles.
- Maintained all Merrimack Village District equipment and vehicles.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Installed a building sprinkler system in the Old Town Hall.
- Installed underground irrigation system at the Municipal Office Complex.
- Renovated heating and cooling systems in the New Town Hall and Kent Building to reduce energy consumption.
- Landscaped entrance to the Community Development Office.
- Maintained buildings and grounds at the Municipal Office Complex.
- Maintained buildings and grounds at the Police Station.
- Replaced Kent Building roof.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION

- Recycled and marketed more than 2,500 tons of materials which includes glass, cardboard, newspaper, plastics, aluminum cans, tin cans, magazines, tires, scrap metal, white goods, automobile batteries, used automotive oil and antifreeze.
- Composted approximately 3,000 cubic yards of yard waste and provided product to residents at no charge.
- Disposed approximately 19,500 tons of municipal solid waste and construction debris.
- Coordinated the Nashua Regional Household Hazardous Collection Days.
- Monitored groundwater characteristics with tri-annual testing program.
- Provided extended hours of operation during the summer.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

- The Merrimack Wastewater Treatment Facility collected and treated over one (I) billion gallons of wastewater with approximately 98 percent removals for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and approximately 98 percent removal for suspended solids (SS).
- Continued reduced ammonia and phosphoric acid consumption through improved effluent monitoring.
- Continued computer-based collection system inventory and maintenance schedule.
- SCADA system on line for all of 1997.
- Laboratory continued with State of New Hampshire certification program.
- Treated approximately 3.0 million gallons of septage for Merrimack homeowners and neighboring Souhegan communities.
- Implemented design of septage receiving station to improve septage receiving capabilities.
- Continued with routine cleaning of sewer lines with sewer vac truck.

COMPOST DIVISION

- Successfully completed third year of operation of enclosed organic waste composting facility.
- Continued to receive approval from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to market stockpile and current production of compost.
- Continued to received approval from New York Department of Environmental Protection to market current production of compost. Merrimack compost currently being used in New York City – Central Park.
- Produced approximately 20,000 cubic yards of compost, marketed about 15,000 cubic yards of compost in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.
- Provided approximately 5,000 cubic yards of compost to Merrimack residents.

MERRIMACK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

Director of Public Works & Engineering
Earle M. Chesley, P.E.

Secretary
Rebecca Starkey

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Assistant Director of Public Works
David C. Lent, P.E.

Highway Coordinator
Bruce Moreau

Highway Foremen
Joe Maguire
Boyd E. Trask

Dispatcher
Sandra Lawlor

Secretary
Sue Gerow

Robert Brooks, Equipment Operator III
Robert Burley, Equipment Operator I
Steve Curtis, Equipment Operator I
Ernest Doucette, Equipment Operator I
Lawrence Gay, Equipment Operator II
Leonard Heath, Equipment Operator I
Thomas Hudon, Equipment Operator I
Donald Larouche, Equipment Operator I
Louis Lapointe, Equipment Operator I
Richard Letellier, Equipment Operator I
Wayne Lombard, Equipment Operator I
Robert Lovering, Equipment Operator I
David Mark, Equipment Operator I
Jeff Strong, Equipment Operator II
Robert Sullivan, Equipment Operator III
Lawrence Young, Equipment Operator

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Equipment Maintenance Foreman
James Graham

Ronald Bergeron, Mechanic II
Brian Friolet, Mechanic II
William Gilbody, Mechanic II
Sam Walker, Mechanic I

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION

Solid Waste Foreman
Steven Doumas

Scale Operator/Secretary
Marjorie Allgaier

Earl Dubois, Equipment Operator III
Kenneth Mason, Equipment Operator III
John Murray, Recycling Attendant
Willis Wotten, Recycling Attendan

BUILDING & GROUNDS DIVISION

Custodian Maintenance Supervisor
Philip Meschino

Custodians
Steven Cook
Nathan Latour

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Assitant Director of Public Works/Wastewater Division
Larry R. Spencer

Chief Operator
James E. Taylor

Assistant Chief Operator
Wayne Johnson

Maintenance Manager
Lee Vogel

Sewer Inspector
Donald A. Hamel

Laboratory Manager
Sharan Facteau

Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Manager
Roger Descoteaux

Secretary
Becky Sullivan

David Blaine, Operator I
Richard Blanchard, Operator II/Lab Technician
James Davala, Operator I
Donald Doucette, Mechanic II
James Dwire, Mechanic II
Stephen Garczynski, Mechanic I
David Lyons, Operator I
Robert MacGrath, Mechanic II
Cecil Peters, Operator II
Lindsay Wilson, Mechanic II

COMPOST DIVISION

John Adams, Equipment Operator III
Thomas Byron, Equipment Operator III
David Evans, Equipment Operator III
Gary MacGrath, Equipment Operator III

1997 Annual Report Of The

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Submitted by Ted Parmenter
Chairman

Recognizing that each ton of solid waste disposed at our landfill presents an unfunded future liability, the Board of Selectmen, in 1991, formed the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to:

- Develop an integrated approach to solid waste management,
- Reduce our solid waste stream and extend the life of our landfill.
- Review all practical alternatives for solid waste disposal,
- Advise the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen on solid waste matters,
- Develop course of action for landfill closure,
- Review our solid waste rate structure and ordinance.

Over the past several years, the Committee has completed a number of these goals and is now focusing our efforts on managing our solid waste after the closure of the landfill. A review of the Town's accomplishments, in recent years, is a good point of departure.

Integrated Solid Waste Management Approach

Instead of burying everything we dispose from our homes as we all did just eight years ago, Merrimack now employs an integrated approach to manage solid waste sing a combination of techniques to handle distinct components of our solid waste stream.

Residents can now remove and recycle newspaper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastics, textiles and magazines from their residential waste stream. Automotive generated wastes, including tires, batteries, antifreeze and oil, are now all recycled. White goods, such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers and air conditioners, are recycled with ozone depleting freon being removed.

Leaves, and yard waste, which compose up to seventeen percent of a suburban community's solid waste stream, are composted. The finished product is given to our residents at no charge. Sludge, which some communities bury in their landfills, has been composted and marketed in Merrimack for over twenty years.
Yet, we are still faced with disposing that residual fraction of our solid waste stream that can not be effectively recycled or composted. As you will read later, it is important to do everything you can to make this pile of trash the smallest!

Reduce our Solid Waste Stream to Extend Landfill Life

So have our efforts to pick through our trash to find recyclable materials and composting our leaves helped us to reduce trash and extend our landfill life? The answer is definitively Yes!

In the 1988 New Hampshire Solid Waste Management Plan, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services compiled and projected solid waste volumes for all of the State's communities. Merrimack was projected to generate almost 30,000 tons of waste by the year 2000. While we have not yet reached the millineum, our estimated solid waste volumes for 1996 were less than 20,000 tons. Though it is difficult to clearly define how much of this reduction in solid waste is due to recycling, composting, or better solid waste practices, it is clear that we are generating less solid waste than what was projected during the heydays of "throw it all in the hole" eighties. As we look at future solid waste options, it becomes paramount why we need to continue to reduce our solid waste disposal appetite.

Review all Practical Alternatives for Solid Waste Disposal

Though the days of taking our trash to the landfill are numbered, our community will continue to generate trash after it's closed. While we now have time, we need to consider our options, both technical and financial. Any alternative we select will be significantly more costly than the price we pay right now to dispose our waste. The Committee has evaluated the four options available once we close our existing landfill. All are expensive. They are:

1) Expand the existing landfill in accordance with current design criteria.

2) Construct a new lined landfill that meets current design criteria;

3) Construct a waste-to-energy facility where solid waste is burned and its latent energy converted to electricity;

4) Provide curbside collection of waste and have the trash hauled out of town to a privately owned waste disposal facility;

5) Construct a transfer station where wastes would be collected and then hauled out of town to a privately owned waste disposal facility.

Regarding the four options, the Committee concluded:

1. Expanding t he existing landfill is not viable due to it's relative location to natural surface drainage and existing soil conditions (high bedrock and groundwater table)

2. Constructing a new landfill that meets current design criteria is not viable in Merrimack because of our native soils (high bedrock and groundwater table) and large groundwater recharge areas are not appropriate for landfill development.

3. Given current air emission requirements, a waste-to-energy facility needs to be of sufficient size to be economically viable. These facilities range in size to handle between 1,000 to 2,000 tons per day of solid waste. Merrimack generates only 50 tons of solid waste per day.

4. Curbside collection of solid waste, by either municipal or private forces, is an option but it is an expensive operation. Once we decide to provide the additional service of picking up everybody's trash at their driveway, it will become difficult to discontinue the service should we face the need to reduce expenditures in the future. An d once the trash is collected, at an additional cost, it will need to be hauled to a private disposal facility.

5. Construct a transfer station at the existing landfill site for residents to take their trash. This replicates the current level of service provided by the Town. Residents who wish to pay for their trash to be collected at their curb may continue to elect to pay for this additional service. Trash disposed at the transfer station would be hauled to a private facility for disposal. Building a transfer station is the least costly option.

Advise the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen on Solid Waste Matters

In January of this year, the Committee presented the Board of Selectmen a comprehensive report on Solid Waste Management. The report reviewed the status of solid waste disposal practices in New Hampshire, the Town's practices regarding solid waste, evaluated future options, including financial issues, and investigated the landfill closure.

Regarding our future, the report recommended:

1) The Town should continue to provide the same level of service that it presently provides for recycling, composting, and disposal;

2) When the landfill closes, the Town should construct a residential transfer station for solid waste collection. The annualized capital cost of a transfer station is about the will be fully immortalized in 1998. Consequently, constructing a residential transfer station should not present a significant financial impact. The most significant cost will be the cost of disposing our trash at a merchant facility. This is estimated to cost between $60 per ton and $70 per ton.

3) The Town should consider adopting a user fee system for solid waste disposal.

The Committee has also presented its findings to the Planning Board this year while they were preparing the Town's Capital Improvement Program, the Conservation Commission, and the Exchange Club. This year the Committee plans to continue its presentation before our local community groups and publish our quarterly recycling newsletter so we can all be better informed about our solid waste disposal future.

Develop Course of Action for Landfill Closure

The report also outlined a course of action for closing the landfill; both the active site and inactive "Winter Dump" used in the early seventies. The Committee recommended:

1) The Town should continue to cooperate with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in establishing a Groundwater Management Zone. This was completed in June of this year.

2) The Town should complete the Additional Hydrogeologic Investigations at the Winter Dump in 1997 and proceed with the final design of the "Winter Dump" closure so it can be constructed in 1998 or 1999. The hydrogeologic investigations were completed in December of this year and the Town is awaiting comment from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

3) The Town should proceed with preparing engineering plans for closing the active landfill upon receiving design approval for the "Winter Dump" closure. An article at this year's Town Meeting proposes to transfer $800,000 from the General Fund Surplus to the Landfill Capital Reserve account. This will sufficiently fund the eminent closure of the "Winter Dump".

4) The Town should increase the annual appropriation to the Landfill Capital Reserve Account to about $200,000. This expenditure is about equal to the net annual bond payment for the landfill provided it is financed for twenty years. In this fashion, the net impact of the bond on property taxes will be negotiable since the annual bond amount will replace the annual transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund. This year's proposed operating budget includes $200,000 for the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund.

5) The Town should utilize available state grant funds to close these facilities. The Town has made a preliminary application for these funds.

Review our Solid Waste Ordinance and Rate Structure

The last goal, which the Committee is currently investigating and evaluating, is the toughest hurdle our community needs to clear.

We know that the days of our current landfill are numbered, and once it is closed the cost of handling solid waste will increase from about $12 per ton to $60 per ton. This cost, not the landfill closure cost, is by far our biggest financial challenge. Given the cost, a user fee where people pay for what they use appears most equitable.

The Committee will be working on several user fee models, and will present our findings to the Board of Selectmen this year. We'd appreciate any thoughts or concerns you may have. After all, it's your trash. Feel free to contact any of the Committee members.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

Ted Parmenter, Chairman
Linda Wilson
Chip Chesley
Chris Conway
Bob Kelly
Mark Maquire
Joe Mitchell
David Paul
Tony Pellagrino
Christopher Petrovic
James Soukup
Lenny Worster

1997 Annual Report of The
Town Manager
Submitted by Dean E. Shankle
Town Manager

1997 was a good year in the Town of Merrimack.

The improving national economy resulted in the strongest local economic improvement since the mid-1980's. There were sizable investments made in the community by developers of industrial, commercial and residential real estate. We expect to see that trend continue through 1998. The Town was involved in a number of projects to encourage this growth, including the construction of a new sewer interceptor on Continental Boulevard. We fully intend to continue being aggressive in our attempts to attract appropriate businesses to Town.

The Board of Selectmen asked the Planning Board and the Community Development Department to work on developing a Town Center Plan. Initial stages of this very significant project were completed during 1997. This initiative could be the most important long-range planning project undertaken by the Town in quite some time.

Extending the life of our landfill, and thus avoiding the costs associated with its closing, remains an important goal. Our solid waste programs recycled and marketed nearly 2,500 tons of materials and composted about 3,000 cubic yards of leaf and yard waste. We continue to be recognized as a leader in recycling, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services used our recycling center as a training location during 1997.

Recreational activities continue to play a vital role in the superior quality of life found in Merrimack. From the amazingly popular Naticook Day Camp to Senior's bus trips, Merrimack attempts to provide a number of opportunities for people of all ages. The popularity of these programs, and the community support for them, is a testimony to the community spirit that can be found here.

Certainly our emergency services continue to be among the best in the state. The fire department's fire education and prevention programs are excellent. The police department coordinates a number of programs, including DARE (for youth), Operation Safe Return (for elderly) and Disconnect the Violence (for victims of domestic violence). The ambulance service, and the MARS volunteers, are always there when you need them.

We are moving ahead in our attempts to make our services more "user friendly" for our citizens and to provide as much information as possible. The Board of Selectmen's meetings have begun to be shown on a local cable station, I am doing a weekly Manager's Memo in the Village Crier and our website is growing. In addition, our technological capabilities have increased so that during 1998 we should be able to provide improved access to a number of services.

Details on most of the issues I have outlined above can be found throughout this Annual Report in the other sections. For even more information on the Town and the various departments and programs, please visit our website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us We are attempting to keep this site up-to-date with agenda, minutes and schedules that we believe are of interest to the community.

I continue to be grateful to the people of the town of Merrimack for their support and encouragement. During 1997 the Board of Selectmen and I worked very closely on the innumerable issues that arise in the town, and did so in a positive, mutually supportive manner. I continue to be impressed by the dedication of so many of you who spend such large amounts of time volunteering your time for the betterment of your community. Of course, without the dedicated, efficient and caring employees of the town, nothing of any lasting value can occur. I thank you all and look forward to our continued association throughout 1998.

Administrative Staff

Dean E. Shankle, Town Manager
Betty J. Spence, Executive Assistant
William C. Miller, Executive Secretary
Carol A. Zeaman, Secretary

1997 Annual Report Of The

Welfare Administrator

Submitted by Celeste Midolo
Welfare Administrator

OVERVIEW

"Whenever a person is poor and unable to support him/herself, he or she shall be relieved and maintained by Overseers of Public Welfare of such town..." RSA 165:1

The first "Poor Law" was enacted in England in 1601. Settlement Laws to prevent "peasants" from moving around were enacted some sixty years later. There have been similar laws in New Hampshire in force until 1985. Presently, Towns and Cities are required to assist members of its communities under RSA 165:1.

The Town of Merrimack has fulfilled its responsibility to its citizens over the years by designating this responsibility to the Welfare Administrator. The Welfare Administrator is appointed by the Town Manager (also known as "Overseer of the Poor"). Requirements include interviewing each individual who requests assistance in order to determine eligibility. Assistance is provided by strictly following the guidelines set forth by the Town of Merrimack and adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

There lies within this appointment an underlying effort towards empowerment and maintenance of independence. Individuals are referred to area resources whenever possible or when a person is found ineligible for General Assistance. Recovery procedures of assistance provided are explained to each individual requesting relief and Welfare Liens are placed on a homeowner's property. The Town of Merrimack does require able bodied individuals to work in exchange for assistance given. Recipients are also required to repay the town when they are financially able to do so. During this current fiscal year, fourteen families have received assistance. Revenues for the past year total $17,543.24.

Following is an outlook of assistance provided since 1995:

Fiscal Year	**1995-96**	**1996-97**
Number of families served	38	74
Housing dollars spent	$71,347.60	$25,053.06
Fuel Assistance	$628.30	$683.69
Electricity	$5,494.27	$3,842.24
Food	$566.31	$1,308.90

Fiscal Year	**1995-96**	**1996-97**	**1997-98 (through Nov '97**
Total Budget	$136,850.00	$146,158.00	$146,158.00
Total Expenditures	$35,694.00	$32,678.31	$15,429.00
Percentage used	26%	23%	11%

This Administrator began her tenure amidst on-going activity providing holiday season assistance to many Merrimack residents. These "programs" perform independently from mandated support and allow overwhelming generosity on behalf of residents. Private citizens and other groups such as Merrimack Lioness', Merrimack Ambulance Rescue Service, Brownie Troop #112 and local businesses donated time, money and energy to supplying gift certificates, presents turkeys and other food items to those who would best benefit from these particulars of the holiday season.

OTHER GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK INCLUDE:

ABBIE GRIFFIN HOSPITAL FUND: A fund established for the purpose of paying the hospital expenses "in whole or in part of bona-fide residents who are financially unable to do so". A cooperative evaluation between Merrimack Local Welfare, clergy of the Town of Merrimack and the Law Offices of Winer & Bennett allowed hospital bills to be paid for 3 families this year. The total amount of assistance provided was $5,399.47. Applications for this for this worthy cause are available during the month of October, are reviewed through the month of November and decisions are made during the month of December each year.

FOOD PANTIRES: These programs are a valuable resource to those needing to supplement their weekly shopping. There are 3 located throughout Merrimack. Please call Merrimack Local Welfare at 424-7075 or the Church itself for days and times of operation.

St. John Neumann Catholic Community 880-4689
Rte 101A (Behind MacDonald's)

St. James Methodist Church 424-7459
Daniel Webster Highway

Merrimack Community Christian Church 424-1711
27 Depot St (Off DW Hwy at end of Depot St in industrial park)

NATICOOK DAY CAMP: Scholarships are awarded to children of Merrimack in order for them to attend the many activities offered at Naticook Camp during the summer. This year 5-6 children were given opportunity to attend sponsored by the Merrimack Rotary Club and The Sean A. Looney Athletic Fund.

SAAB CRISIS FUND: This fund consists of donations received from private individuals or companies who wish to contribute to the general well-being of Merrimack residents at the discretion of the local welfare department. These donations have allowed for families to retain their phone services in order to find employment, employ child care providers so that they may remain employed or assist with heating costs beyond their means.

FIREFIGHTER'S UNION: This fund provides annual assistance for heating oil to families of Merrimack on a one- time basis. The family assumes any start-up costs. The fund is limited and able to assist approximately 5 families per year.

SOUTHERN NH FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: This program begins December 1rst and runs through May 1rst each year. Benefits from $150.00 to $750.00 are available to heat homes during the heating season. Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by gross household income, number of household members and vulnerability to heating costs. Appointments are necessary. Interested persons should contact the Nashua area office at 889-3440.

1997 Annual Report Of The

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Submitted by David G. Sturm
Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held thirteen meetings from January 1, 1997 though December 31, 1997. Fifty-seven petitions for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, or appeals from administrative decisions were received as compared to forty-eight in 1995 and sixty-six in 1996. One case was reheard and the Board's decision reversed.

Summary of petitions submitted by type and resulting actions:

Variances	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Signs	0	3	0
Lot and Yard Setbacks	12	11	2
Use	7	2	0
Special Exceptions			
Use	8	1	0
Accessory Dwelling Unit	2	0	10
Other			
Appeals of Administrative Decisions	0	4	1
Equitable Waivers	2	0	0
Appeal under RSA 674:41,II	1	0	0

In June of 1997 David Sturm was re-elected Chairman and Charles Roberts was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. In June of 1997, Diane Adams asked to be appointed as an alternate member of the Board instead of to another term as a full member and this request was granted. Also in June of 1997, Mark Kanakis and James Michaud, formerly alternates, were appointed as full members of the Board. In April of 1997 Maurice Lindsay resigned from the Board as he was moving from the community. In November of 1997 James Michaud resigned from the Board as he was moving from the community.

At the present time the Board consists of four full members; Chairman David Sturm, Vice Chairman Charles Roberts, Richard Barry, Mark Kanakis and alternate members Lon Woods and Diane Adams. The Board looks forward to the appointment of a new volunteer so that a full Board will be maintained in 1998.

Jay Minkarah, Community Development Director and Jean Weston, Secretary, serve as staff to the Zoning Board.

Schedule of Meetings

Abbie Griffin Park Advisory Committee	Second Wednesday of Month - 7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	First and Third Thursday of the Month - 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 p.m.
Fourth of July Committee	Second Thursday of Month - 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee	Third Wednesday of the Month - 7:00 p.m.
Planning Board	Every Tuesday of the Month - 7:30 p.m.
Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Second Thursday of the Month - 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Fourth Thursday of the Month - 7:00 p.m.

Note: Meetings sometime vary. Please call the Selectmen's Office at 424-2331 to confirm the above schedule.

1998 Town Holidays

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1, 1998

Presidents' Day - Monday, February 16, 1998

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 1998

Independence Day - Thursday, July 3, 1998

Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 1998

Veterans' Day - Wednesday, November 11, 1998

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 1998

Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27, 1998

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 1998

Municipal Services
Telephone Directory

Assessor	424-5136
Code Enforcement and Inspection	424-3531
Community Development	424-3531
Conservation Commission	424-3531
District Court	424-9916
Finance Department	424-7075
Fire Department	424-3690
Highway Garage	424-8551
Landfill and Recycling	424-2604
Library	424-5021
Parks and Recreation	882-1046
Planning and Zoning	424-3531
Police Department	424-3774
Public Works Administration	424-5137
Selectmen's Office	424-2331
Superintendent of Schools	424-6200
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	424-3651
Town Manager	424-2331
Wastewater Treatment Facility	883-8196
Water District	424-9241

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE)
DIAL 9-1-1

Office Hours

Assessing Department	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Code Enforcement & Inspection	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Community Development	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
District Court	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Landfill and Recycling	Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Library	Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Friday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Department	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Department	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Administration	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Second And Fourth Monday of Each Month 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Water District	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Special Summer and/or Winter Hours - Please call to confirm these hours.